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Italy's Close Watch On Near East Situation

SUSPICIOUS OF ALLIED MASSING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

ITALIAN POLITICAL circles are watching with the utmost interest all developments in the Near East, as the latest reports confirm that a strong concentration of Allied troops has taken place and also that pressure is being brought by Moscow on the Iranian Government.

On the one hand, Italy fully realizes the danger of Soviet penetration southwards, bringing Russia into direct contact with the Moslem Arab world.

On the other hand, Rome fully feels that successful Allied resistance to the Soviet threat would reinforce considerably the Franco-British position in the Near East and thus decrease Italian influence.

While before the war broke out Italy made considerable efforts to build a Moslem bloc around her, such a bloc may eventually materialize around Great Britain and France.

In this event, Italy's communications with her African Empire would depend entirely on Britain's will and the Italian "drang nach osten," which took her to the Dodecanese Islands, would be definitely checked.

Finally, even now certain Italian circles in Rome already consider that the Franco-British concentration in the Near East constitutes a threat to the Italian colonial empire and might be used as a weapon for bringing pressure to bear on Italy in her European policy.—Havas.

HITLER PEACE OFFENSIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Hitler will soon resume his peace offensive on a large-scale, the weekly paper "The People" declares in a sensational report.

According to "The People," Hitler will suggest to Mr. Sumner Welles that "under certain circumstances" Germany may become quite moderate and stop at less than the officially stated conditions, namely, restraining her European conquests and regaining her colonies.

Hitler will also suggest that as soon as the war is over in Western Europe Germany will break her ties with Russia, as "the Germano-Russian pact was merely an expedient" and that he might even take a very strong attitude against the Soviets.—Havas.

SHOT DEAD OUTSIDE NIGHT CLUB

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

AFTER LEAVING CIRO'S, THE WELL-KNOWN NIGHT CLUB IN BUBBLING WELL ROAD NEAR THE RACE CLUB, LAST NIGHT, CHIEN JEN-LUNG, EX-POLICE DETECTIVE OF THE FRENCH CONCESSION AND LATER AN OFFICER IN THE CHINESE WESTERN DISTRICT BY TWO FORCE, WAS SHOT DEAD BY TWO GUNMEN.

The gunmen escaped.

Chien, who was shot in the stomach, was accompanied by his wife; she was unhurt.

Political motives are seen in the shooting.

Meanwhile, one of the male Chinese wounded in the Paramount Ballroom shooting on Saturday night—Pan Chiu-tang, tea merchant—has died.

Miss Mary Chen's condition is most critical.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North East winds, fresh; cloudy generally, some drizzle or mist.

WANG HAS MONEY PROBLEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

In an editorial on the projected new government, Wang Ching-wei's organ, the "Central China Daily News," declares that the Shanghai financial market should be brought entirely under the control of the new government.

The Chinese National currency, the paper says, is maintained only with British support and this is sufficient reason for the modification of the present currency system.

Furthermore, the journal alleges, the inflation carried out by General Chiang Kai-shek's government is such that a sudden collapse of the whole Chinese economic structure can be expected at any time.

The harm done is beyond repair, the paper continues, and the only possible solution is the abolition of the Chinese National currency.

This is why the govenment, as soon as it is formed, will seek urgently to establish a new monetary system. —Havas.

No Effect On The Market

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The editorial in the "Central China Daily News" failed to influence the market, which remains quiet and steady.

Observers are at a loss to explain the reasons behind the story in Wang Ching-wei's paper.

Most authorised quarters are of the opinion that to-day's statement mere-

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TURKEY CAUTIONS THE SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

Strong exception is taken by many newspapers here to the recent manoeuvres of the Soviet fleet in the Black Sea, which are considered "untimely" by most of the Turkish journals.

The influential "Yenisabah" comments:—

"Certain quarters have interpreted these manoeuvres as a warning to Turkey and even to France and Great Britain.

"It is extremely unlikely, however, that Moscow may order an aggression doomed to disastrous failure.

"The Kremlin is well aware of Turkey's strength and of the fact that France and Britain would intervene immediately in Turkey's favour." —Havas.

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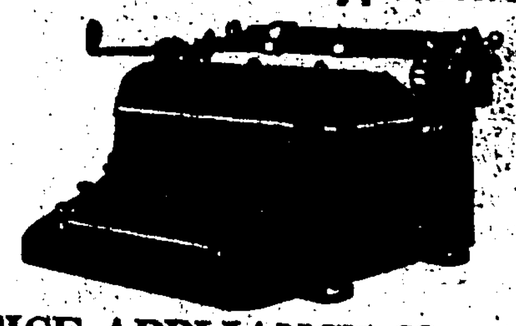

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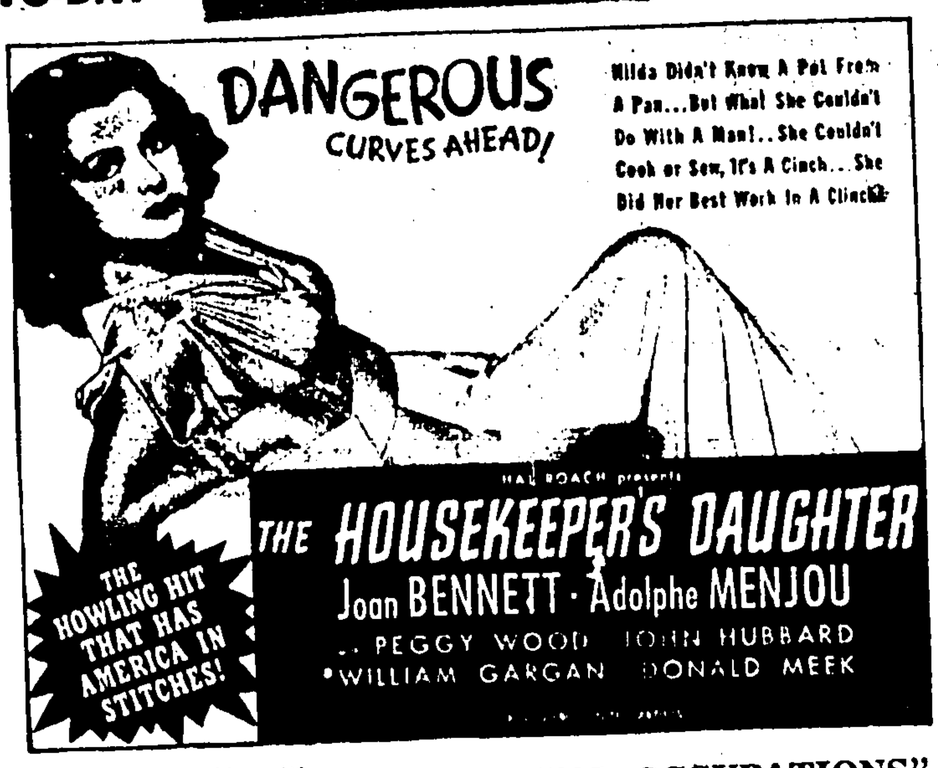

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BOYS MUST LEARN FLYING

A decree issued by Dr. Rust, Nazi Minister for Education, makes it obligatory for tuition in flying to be given in all German schools, stated Deutschlandsender radio station.

It is not clear whether such training will be confined to theory or not.

AIR FIGHT IN HOLLAND

The Hague, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Government is to lodge a strong protest to Berlin against the presence of two German planes over Dutch territory yesterday.

One of the German planes was engaged by a Dutch pursuit plane and shots were exchanged, in which the Dutch plane was hit once in the nose and twice in the tail.

"In view of the fact that the German plane not only openly violated Dutch territory but also had the temerity to open fire on the Dutch machine which was acting in lawful execution of its duty, the Dutch Government will lodge a streng protest with Berlin."—Reuter.

TRADE AGREEMENT

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED HERE THAT A TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND NORWAY WAS INITIALLED IN LONDON ON FEBRUARY 22, AND WILL BE SIGNED IN LONDON THIS WEEK.

Details of the agreement are not yet disclosed.

It is understood, however, that the primary aim is to facilitate Norway's shipping communications with other countries.

It is probable that both Sweden and Denmark will shortly conclude similar agreements.—Reuter.

CHEMICAL EXPLODES IN SHAMSHUIPO

An explosion occurred in the rear of a fire-wood dealer's shop in Yu Kuk Street, Shamshuipo, yesterday morning.

Two persons were injured and sent to the Kowloon Hospital.

Chemicals, contained in an earthen jar, caused the explosion.

CANADIAN AIRMEN IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The first squadron of the Canadian Air Force has arrived in England and landed at a north-west port and left by special train for an R.A.F. station in the South of England.

Capt. Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, welcomed them on behalf of the Air Minister and made a short speech at the quay-side after the men had landed, saying they were the heirs of the great tradition of their predecessors. "We know that this high trust will be safe in your hands."

Lord Derby also spoke, wishing the men a happy time. He added "I wish the Boche something I know he will get and that is a held of a time!"—Reuter.

MR. WELLES WON'T TALK

Naples, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's personal representative, arrived here yesterday in the Italian liner Rex to begin his European tour.

Mr. Myron Taylor, the President's personal envoy to the Vatican, was also on board.

The American Ambassador and Count Ciano's private secretary were down to meet Mr. Welles; he would make no comment to the press.—Reuter.

GERMANS CLAIM AIR SUCCESSES

London, To-day.

A Berlin communique yesterday reported air activity over the Western Front and the Helligoland Bight, claiming that one British and one French 'plane had been shot down. While it is not yet known whether or not a French 'plane was shot down, it can be stated quite definitely that no British 'planes were shot down.—Reuter.

MACHINE-GUNNING OF NEUTRAL SHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ostend, To-day.

Belgians report machinegunning of neutral ships in the North Sea.

Reports from Zeebrugge state that two trawlers have disappeared and are believed to have been sunk.—Havas.

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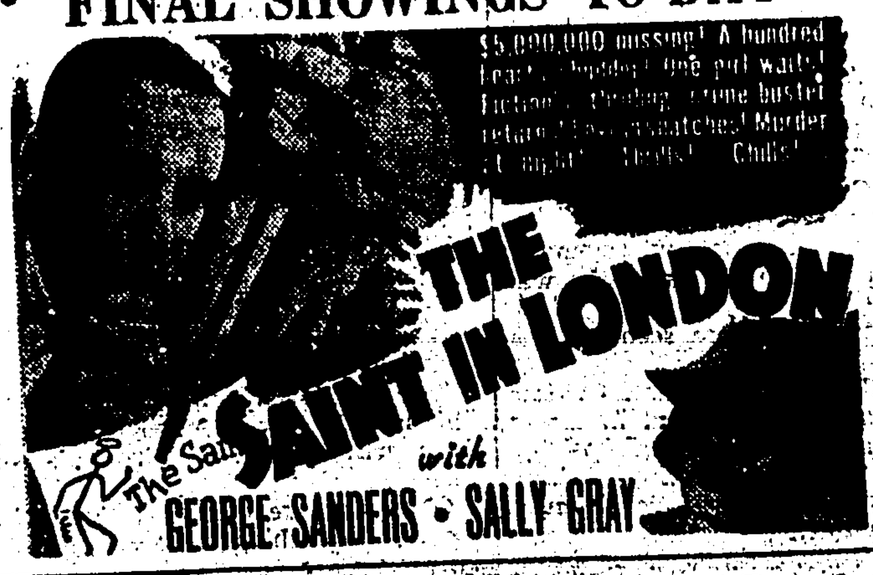

TO-MORROW "THE CHAMP" MGM Picture

FINLAND'S NEED FOR OUTSIDE AID

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A STRIKING REVIEW OF THE WAR IN FINLAND WAS BROADCAST LAST NIGHT BY THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES."

In Finnish circles, he said, one does not hear that contempt for the Russian Army which certain people have expressed somewhat too hastily.

The Finns say that some of the first Soviet troops were ill-equipped and not used to the cold, but this is not true of the majority. Otherwise, it appears that the Russian Army stands where it did in 1914, perhaps rather higher—the men are still clumsy, armaments are better, even as there has been a general improvement in all armies, while the military leaders, never brilliant, are rather worse.

The Finns, on the other hand, the Military Correspondent continued, have proved themselves a first-class army, equally good in two methods of war.

First of all, they are extremely good at mobile, semi-guerilla fighting on the Eastern front, taking full advantage of the aid provided by the winter climate and by the nature of the countryside.

Secondly, they are good at modern, large-scale warfare on the Karelian Isthmus, with all the paraphernalia of tanks, defences, mines and so on.

If they had failed in either one or the other, if they had applied one where the other was called for, they would have gone under long ago. But they made no mistake in training or in tactics. Until the end of January, they were on top.

Meanwhile, the Red Army commanders must have re-considered the position. They must have come to the conclusion that they could not afford to under-estimate their adversary.

FRONTAL ATTACK

They must also have decided that if victory was to be gained before the thaw, the Mannerheim Line must, at all costs, be broken by a frontal attack—a frontal attack, because communications north of Lake Ladoga are not good enough for an outflanking movement.

They accordingly piled up great stocks on the Karelian Isthmus and began the offensive. They suffered heavy losses—that was inevitable. But they applied pressure which must eventually smash the Finnish forces in the Summa area.

Finland abandoned her outer defences and fell back to the reserve line. The importance of this must be neither exaggerated or under-estimated.

SERIOUS FOR FINNS

It is serious for the Finns, because it decreases the depth of their defences and brings Soviet medium artillery within range of Viborg. But the defences were designed to carry on with a battle, and while the Finns have thus gained breathing space, the Russians must now advance all their artillery, and it is devastated country which is in front of them.

In the meantime, British arms and stocks are one their way in large quantities and volunteering for Finland has been permitted and is going on. What is going to happen now?

The Military Correspondent said that he had never been a pessimist. But the Finns cannot hold out for long without outside aid and even if they can for the next few months, they will be overwhelmed in May unless aid is sent on a far bigger scale than at present. The need now is great for more arms and more men, valuable though the Scandinavian volunteers have been.

By the Spring, if the offensive continues, men will wanted not by the thousand but by the ten-thousand, and with them arms in proportion.—Reuter.

Istanbul, To-day.

Reports that Turkey has declared a state of emergency are absolutely without foundation. The country is perfectly calm and there is no evidence that any abnormal situation exists.—Reuter.

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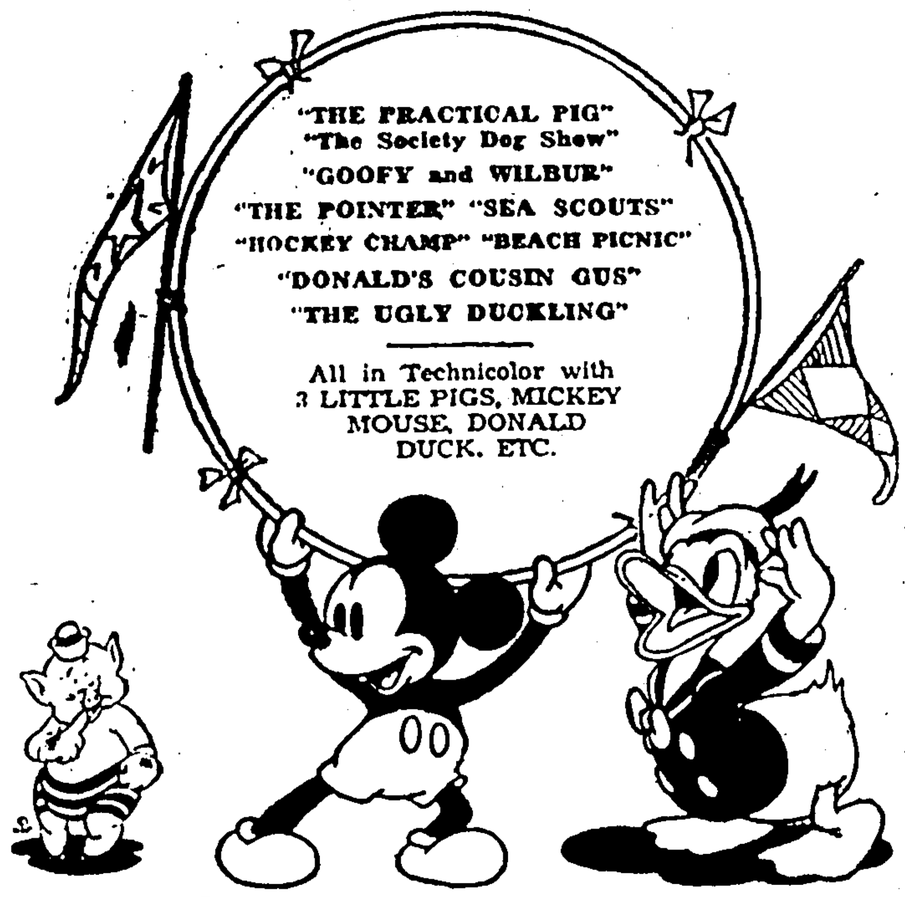

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EXCITING CLASH OVER BIGHT OF HELIGOLAND

London, To-day.

THE R.A.F. CARRIED OUT another extensive flight over the Heligoland Bight and North-West Germany on Saturday. The Hamburg and Bremen radio station closed down for three hours while Hitler was making his beer-hall speech.

This time the R.A.F. met with some opposition. Six separate attacks were beaten off, and all the British 'planes got home safely after completing their task.

One Bristol Blenheim bomber was attacked by five Messerschmidt-109 fighters while it was returning from the Heligoland Bight and the German Friesian Islands with some very valuable photographs taken over enemy territory.

Despite the superior speed of the enemy fighters and the fact that one machine-gun was practically out of action, the British 'plane got away.

The enemy were first sighted when the R.A.F. 'plane was flying in a clear patch of sky at 2,000 feet. The pilot immediately dived his 'plane towards sea-level, to prevent attack from below and restrict the movements of the Germans.

On the way down, one 'plane attacked it from above, and the others followed, three on the port side and the other astern. After this attack, they gained height again and dived down again, from both sides.

The R.A.F. 'plane, wheeling to the left and right, fought them off by turning its nose towards each attacking 'plane as it came down.

INTO CLOUDBANK

Three minutes after the battle had started, the British pilot saw a bank of clouds, 3,000 feet above. He decided to take cover in them, and roared up towards them in a series of steep right-handed turns.

One Messerschmidt promptly attacked from above and another from below. Beating them off, the R.A.F. machine continued up and entered the cloud bank. Here, the Nazis lost contact and had to abandon the chase.

The R.A.F. machine returned home, with six bursts of bullets in it, but no one injured. The photographs were intact. — Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed

"Gosh, a month certainly passes quickly — Here's the truck for the furnitu re again."

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The "Petit Parisien" states, "Hitler laid stress particularly on the "mirage" that the present Germany is able to resist blockade. His underfed, ill-clad listeners needed a bit of encouragement."—Havas.

NANNING SITUATION OBSCURE

Chungking, Yesterday.

Whether the westward drive of the Japanese from Nanning has been halted or not cannot yet be ascertained from Chinese field despatches from South Kwangsi, according to a report here.

One Chinese field despatch states:

"A Japanese detachment, comprising infantry and cavalry units, reached a point west of Funan, southwest of Nanning, on the afternoon of February 22.

"Chinese forces launched a counter-attack on the following day and pushed the Japanese back towards Nanning."

Another despatch says:—

"The Chinese are preparing to make a counter-attack against a Japanese detachment which reached a point west of Funan on the night of February 22."

Both despatches state that the total strength of the Japanese west of Nanning is approximately 2,000 men. Unless this number is heavily reinforced, the statements conclude, it would not be strong enough to make any further serious thrust to the west.—Reuter.

REPLY TO WISHFUL THINKING

London, To-day.

The Swiss newspaper "Tribune" says that the arrival in the Near East on the Anzacs is a striking reply to the activities of German agents who have vainly sought to raise the peoples of the Near and Middle East against "perfidious Albion."

This is another example of the miscalculation of von Ribbentrop and his associates concerning the disintegration of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The Budapest paper, "Nemzeti Ujsag" in an article entitled: British Imperial Constructive Work in Arabia," shows the systematic work of the last 20 years, the building of a network of bases on the fringes of Arabia, facilitating the work of the Weygand Army.—Reuter.

WORLD SOCIALISTS SUPPORT THE ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The first meeting held since the war started, of the executive committee of the "Second International" (Socialist), a grouping of the larger part of the anti-Fascist and anti-Communist Labour Movement, will conclude its proceedings to-day.

It is not known whether the main decisions reached will be published, but considerable interest is attached to them.

It is anticipated that they deal mainly with the world social and economic organisation upon the conclusion of peace for the present attitude of all the leaders of the "Second International" is unconditional support of the bourgeois democracies in their struggle against the authoritarian regimes.

Camille Huygens, prominent Belgian leader and mayor of the city of Antwerp, was unanimously elected Chairman of the "Second International."

Almost all European countries were represented including Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, and also countries occupied by Germany: Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

The British delegation included Mr. P. Noel Baker and Mr. Hugh Dalton, and the French, M. Leon Blum and M. Paul Faure. — Havas.

AMERICAN COMMENT ON THE WAR

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER "MPEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL" WRITES ON THE SITUATION IN EUROPE: "DON'T WORRY ABOUT GERMANY SWINGING FROM NAZIISM TO COMMUNISM. IT HAS ALREADY OCCURRED, ACCORDING TO THE HEAD OF THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION."

The St. Louis-Post Dispatch says: "A report is current in economic circles that the only Russian oil that Germany has obtained since the war began is in reality not from the wells of pre-war Russia but from Russian-Occupied Poland, the annual production of which has been only 450,000 tons.

The "New York Times," in an article by Anne O'Hare McCormick, says: A Hungarian statesman made a remark that the pilgrim in South-Eastern Europe heard repeated in every capital visited, "East of Germany the feeling is stronger than West of Germany that German has already lost the war. It is strange that the nations most terrified of the powers of the Reich are the least impressed by the idea of Germany's invincibility. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL DIVISION IN EUROPE

Cadiz, To-day.

A United States Navy division, consisting of a cruiser and two destroyers, has anchored in the Bay of Cadiz. Their visit will last for 10 days. — Havas.

THE UNCENSORED TRUTH

This remarkable story gives the facts about conditions in Germany. It was written by a distinguished neutral observer who, a month ago, was sent on a special

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THEY ARE NOT STARVING, BUT THEY THINK WE ARE

By A NEUTRAL OBSERVER

Every one in Britain is asking questions about Germany. People want to know what it is like there now, what the Germans are getting to eat, how they live, and whether the Nazis are "cracking."

Well, I was sent into Germany to get the answer to those questions. And I have. The truth, you will see, is a lot different from many of the stories one hears from other countries.

My weeks in Germany—running about the country from the west to the east, from the north to the south, from Frankfort-on-Main to Danzig, from Stettin and Berlin to Dresden and Munich—were interesting, if not very pleasant.

They Go Without

I could get precious little bread and practically no butter. So I now weigh 6lbs. less than I did when I went into Germany.

I don't see what harm there can be in my telling Herr Himmler now that I was the gentleman who joined so lustily in the singing of "Wir Marschieren Gen Engelland"—"We March Against England."

I feel I can tell him now, because I have no intention of returning to Germany until I do so in the wake of the British and French Armies. As I told Ernst Udet in the Berlin Adlon bar.

Udet is Goering's right-hand man in the Air Ministry, and has been doing all the negotiating with the Russians. How he enjoyed that joke!

We laughed till the tears came. And Carl, the barman, brought us another Steinhaeger (German gin).

I travelled on the dangerously inefficient railways, first, second and third class. Sometimes I had long conversations with my fellow passengers, sometimes I kept silent and listened to them to hear what they said among themselves.

I met all kinds of men and women, bankers, soldiers, airmen, taxi-drivers, housewives, shopkeepers, waiters. I talked with neutral diplomats, and I kept my eyes open.

Followed By Gestapo

I liked those Gestapo lads Himmler sent after me. Very direct in their technique, they were; no nonsense about artful disguises, or any silly attempts at E. Phillips Oppenheim subtlety.

For some time they followed me around wherever I went from the moment I left the hotel, walking a few steps behind me, stopping when I stopped, moving when I moved, sitting down at the next table to mine in the beer-halls.

I gave them the slip by talking a taxi. Only a quarter of the number of taxis are running now that there used to be, which means that never more than one is free at a time — none for the sleuth to follow in.

I got around to quite a lot of people that way.

X-Ray Search

I was dumbfounded, however, at the frontier coming out. The Customs officer, in green uniform, had been through my luggage. Everything I had he lifted out.

He had even ripped out the lining of the suitcase. Then he slapped the lid down and made his chalk sign on it.

"Finished? "I asked him.

"Yes," he said.

"Then I'll just go and have a glass of beer while we wait," I said.

He nodded, and off I went. But I didn't get far.

A hand fell heavily on my shoulder. A field-grey S.S. officer said, "Just a moment. Please come along with me".

And he led me off to a largish cell.

"Just take that off," he said, pointing at my coat. I took off my coat.

"Take it all off," he said, pointing at my trousers. "Everything."

"I am to strip naked? "I asked

"Yes.".

Even when I was down to my skin he wasn't satisfied. He felt in between my toes and made me open my mouth, and looked inside. Then he took all my clothes behind a screen. There was a sizzling and crackling noise.

"Heavens!" I cried. "What are you doing? That's the only suit I have."

"Wird geroentgt", came the gruff voice across the screen. "It's being X-rayed." He was X-raying my clothes, one by one — underpants, socks, shoes and all, to see whether there was anything secret in them.

But he could not X-ray my memory.

An hour and a half later, back in the neutral country, I was eating the first egg I had seen for three weeks.

* * *

I had to wait in the neutral capital, where I applied to the Germans for a visa, for a little more than a month before they came through with it. I had made no secret of the fact that I came from London.

And I suppose that was the reason for the delay. The idea is to make you cool your heels while they check up on you, and while any messages you may have for the enemy agents in Germany go stale.

But in the end I got my passport back with the right stamps in it, and permission not only to enter Germany but, most important to me, to leave it as well.

"Don't take anything in with you—no butter, tobacco, coffee, soap; no letters or newspapers," a German official warned me. "That might annoy them at the frontier. I advise you to take nothing with you."

That advice was wrong. The search at the frontier was as perfunctory as it possibly could have been. I could have taken anything in.

And they made no fuss at all about a Dutch woman who in with all her bags loaded with good things in food and clothing for her friends inside.

The Woman Was Sitting Alone

I was sorry I didn't take anything with me. Every one I met in Germany asked me sooner or later. "Have you brought anything in with you that you can spare?" And I felt quite ashamed when I had to tell them I had come empty-handed.

The asking began the moment I had got into the train. A woman was sitting alone in my compartment. She looked at me for a moment or two and smiled a little shyly.

Then she said. "Excuse me. You come from—." and she mentioned the name of the neutral country from which I had entered. "You are a foreigner. You are staying only a short time?

"Have you, perhaps, an extra shaving stick for my husband, or some soap, or some socks, or some handkerchiefs, or anything else you could spare?"

When she found I was no good to her she got up and left the compartment. At first I thought she went away because she was afraid I might denounce her, for of course this is illegal.

But I saw her again quite soon. She was sitting in the carriage of the

Dutch woman. She had only moved on to try her luck elsewhere.

Food—Where And How To Get It

Scrounging from foreigners on the train has become a regular racket. The scroungers find it well worth while, well worth the price of a railway ticket, even a first-class ticket, to be able to come on board the trains and touch the foreign passengers for the things that you can't get in Germany.

On several occasions strangers asked me if I would arrange to send them food from abroad when I got out again. To make their offer particularly attractive they proposed to pay me in advance with marks which I could use during my stay in Germany.

They would give me twelve times, they said, the rate officially quoted for the foreign currency that I would need for their parcels.

That is a symptom of inflation panic. This panic is spreading everywhere in Germany. I found signs of it wherever I went and I shall point them out to you as we go along.

There was nothing very different about those Germans I met in the railway trains from the Germans I had known on my last visit to Germany eight months before. Perhaps they were rather more serious. There was not so much laughter, and this part of Germany, mind you, is renowned for its wine, song and laughter.

But as for looking starved! Bless you, I saw several fellows hoist themselves aboard who could have afforded to lose a chin or two. If you looked hard—yes, perhaps, these men and women were a shade paler and sallower.

But it's far too early yet for the rationing to have had a really striking visible effect. But talk to them and the all-absorbing subject is food, where and how to get it. I told the two men and the woman in my carriage I came from England.

There was almost a chorus. "Are they starving?" they asked edgerly. "Our U-boats aren't letting much through, are they?"

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APBIO

Scandinavian Countries Urge Peace At All Costs

DETERMINED TO PRESERVE NEUTRALITY

Copenhagen, To-day.

BEYOND THE EXPRESSION of a hope that peace will soon come to Finland and to Europe as a whole, the communique issued at the close of the conference of the Scandinavian Foreign Ministers contains nothing indicative of decisions reached.

The communique says that the position in connection with the Finnish-Russian conflict was discussed, and the Ministers emphasised the most serious and profound desire of all the northern peoples that the conflict may, at a very early date, be brought to a peaceful solution that preserves the full independence of Finland.

The communique reveals that the three countries are quite unanimous in respect of the preservation of their neutrality.

They reject all assertions exercised under pressure by one side or the other and they intend to continue this policy impartially and independently in their relations to all States.—Reuter.

MUTUAL SUPPORT

Copenhagen, Later.

The communique adds that the Ministers agreed to "maintain the inviolability of neutral territory" and also agreed to raise serious objections and endeavour to avert the violation of the principles of international law in the conduct of naval warfare which inflicts considerable losses of human life and economic values on neutrals when they maintain their shipping in order to keep up their legitimate and necessary trade.

They agreed to support each other in this matter.

PEACE HOPE

The Ministers were united in the conviction that unless the war ends before violent long-drawn fighting has brought greater disasters than at present it will create such profound embitterment that the opening of a road to an enduring solution will be rendered still more difficult.

They will, therefore, gladly welcome any endeavour to initiate negotiations between the belligerents with a view to a just and permanent peace. —Reuter.

CONFERENCE OVER

The Ministers, after luncheon yesterday, were received together by King Christian.

Dr. Munch, before the conference, said that no hard and fast agenda had been prepared. Only a very general one.

Both Dr. Gunther and Professor Koht have arranged to return to their capitals immediately. — Reuter.

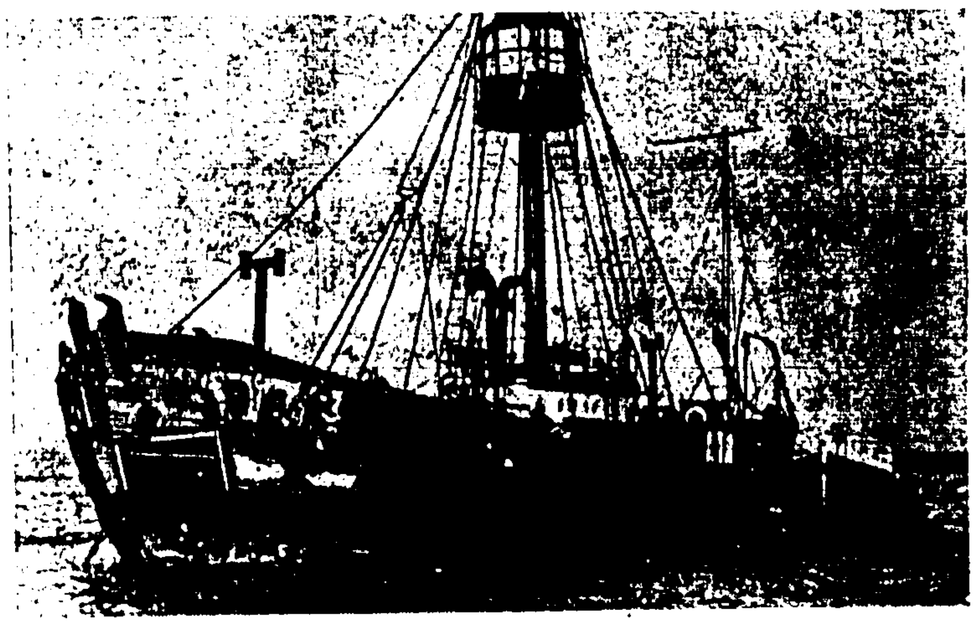
A SHORT SESSION

Copenhagen, To-day.

M. Gunther, the Swedish Foreign Minister, arrived in Copenhagen yesterday shortly before mid-day.

After luncheon, the Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Denmark and Norway called on King Christian.

They then went into formal session and were to try and complete the discussions by evening, following which it is expected that a communique will be issued.—Reuter.



The "Brake" Lightship showing the wrecked port bow and huge gaps made in the vessel's side. (Copyright, Fox).

NEUTRAL SHIPPING LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Scandinavians are considering the present form of naval warfare on shipping, the Danish Foreign Minister, Dr. Munch, stated in an interview with the Copenhagen correspondent of "Reynolds News."

He added: "International Law does not count any longer. Denmark, Sweden and Norway have already lost nearly 150 ships, and 800 seamen."

The Danish Minister said further: "Following the Altmark affair, we are discussing the rules concerning territorial waters. We are trying to create a new system to control neutral shipping along the Swedish coast."—Havas.

EVACUATION OF FINNISH CHILDREN

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

ONE HUNDRED FINNISH CHILDREN AND SOME MOTHERS WILL LEAVE HELSINKI FOR COPENHAGEN ON MARCH 5. THEY ARE THE FIRST BATCH OF EVACUEES WHICH DENMARK, LIKE THE OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, IS TO RECEIVE.

At the same time, a second contingent, of 300 Danish metal workers, left Copenhagen for Helsinki on Saturday.

This is part of the big plan to help Finland, whereby the trade unions of Norway, Sweden and Denmark are sending skilled workers to keep Finnish industries going while the Finnish workers at fighting at the front. —Reuter.

TWO SOVIET AIRMEN PRISONERS

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finns claim to have taken two Russian airmen prisoner who were involved in the Soviet bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala.

The 'plane was forced down in Finnish territory on the way home.

The captive airmen state that their squadrom set out from Murmansk to bomb Finnish headquarters at Rovaneimi, but did not reach their objective.

Pajala is some way off the direct route from Murmansk to Rovaneimi. — Reuter.

NAVAL MEN ACCUSED

Four British Naval men were before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with assaulting a Chinese watchman, Lam Mau, on Friday.

The accused were Francis Hailstones, Granville Ronald Williams, Raymond Donald Reader, and Kenneth Rogers, who pleaded not guilty.

It is alleged that the incident took place outside the Gloucester Hotel.

Hearing was fixed for February 29, at 2.30 p.m.

Defendants were remanded in Naval custody.

CIGARETTE PRICES

THE COMPLAINT THAT THE PEREGRINATIONS OF PRICES IN HONG KONG CAN BE MORE THAN CONFUSING TO THE ORDINARY LAY-MAN IS ILLUSTRATED BY THE ANOMALOUS CHARGES OF TWO POPULAR BRANDS OF AMERICAN CIGARETTES—CHESTERFIELD AND CAMEL.

Both these cigarettes sell at the ordinary tobacconists for 35 cents a packet of 20. But when one decides to purchase a tin of 50 all sorts of curious things happen.

The Camel tin of 50 costs 95 cents, as against $1.05 for three packets of 20 and a pro rata price for 2½ packets (50 cigarettes) of 87.5 cents.

Chesterfield, on the other hand, cost $1.10 a tin of 50, as against $1.05 for three packets of 20 (60 cigarettes) This although both brands, as already pointed out, sell at 35 cents for 20. In other words, one pays 5 cents for 10 less cigarettes!

Enquiries at tobacconists by the "China Mail" merely elicited sheepish grins and the statement:—"No savvy."

THREE INDIANS DEAD IN WANCHAI

Murder and suicide occurred in a house in Wanchai early this morning and as a result three Indian watchmen are lying dead in the Public Mortuary.

The scene of the incident was the top floor of No. 93, Jaffe Road in Wanchai, where at 3 a.m. to-day Watchman Lall Singh, after fatally shooting a fellow-inmate of the house and gravely wounding another, went to the roof of the house and shot himself.

Although facts of the shooting were, at the time of going to press, not available, it is believed that it resulted from a quarrel over money matters.

It is alleged that Lall Singh drew a revolver and killed Santa Singh, who died on the spot. Inder Singh, another inmate, was wounded, and died at 3.33 a.m. in the Queen Mary Hospital.

After the shooting in the house, Lall Singh proceeded to the roof and was later found dead with a gunshot wound in the head.

The house was a hostel for Indian watchmen, others of whom are now being interrogated by the Police.

POSTAL BAN

Shanghai, To-day.

Reliable reports circulated last night stated that the postal authorities have banned the export of all Chinese newspapers and magazines from Shanghai.

It was also learned that yesterday all newspapers destined for outports were held up.—Our Own Corrpedondent.

GAFENCU GOING TO ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Bucharest correspondent of the "Sunday Times" reports that M. Gafencu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, is planning a trip to Rome.—Havas.

STOWAWAY CAUGHT

For stowing away in a President boat from Manila to Hong Kong and for entering the Colony without a passport, Rodrigo Villarez, 23, was this morning cautioned by Mr. E. Himsworth.

Villarez was sent to the House for Detention until the police have made arrangements to send him back.

HITLER'S REPETITION OF OLD RANTINGS: "MAN WHO HAS BECOME AFRAID"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE SUNDAY PRESS states that Mr. Chamberlain's speech clearly outlined the Allies' war aims while Hitler's speech was merely a repetition of the old rantings.

The "Sunday Chronicle" states: "Mr. Chamberlain gave a ringing answer to those demanding a clear statement of war aims. Not even the so-called liberal intellectuals can now accuse the Government of fighting an aimless war."

Referring to Hitler's speech, the paper comments, "By quoting statements made by Goering and Goebbels, Hitler clearly revealed that the Reich's war aims at the destruction of Britain and the domination of Europe."

The "Sunday Times" states: "There was a noticeable absence of cheers when Hitler spoke about Germany and Italy being dependent on one another, and when he spoke of Japan being Germany's friend.

By shouting high and low, Hitler wanted to convince himself and his audience." — Havas.

Stalin Could Not Have Done Any Better

The French papers, naturally, deal with Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham.

Certain papers, such as the "Petit Parisien," stress the fact that it was made coincidentally with the arrival in Europe of Mr. Sumner Welles.

"Excelsior" criticises British and French statemen who thought that it was enough for peace for Germany to be democratic. To fall again into that error would be a crime.

Madame Genevieve Tabouis, writing in "L'Oeuvre," says that what strikes one particularly about Hitler's speech is that for the first time Der Fuehrer has made a Communist speech! Stalin himself could not have made a better one.

Madame Tabouis was referring to Hitler's remark that out of the last war the bourgeois class rose and that at the next peace the proletariat class will flourish. She sees it significant that last week Hitler got Dr. Ley, the Nazi Labour leader, to get out a book entitled "Proletarians of the World Unite"—which is practically the slogan broadcast daily by Radio Centre Moscow.

"Dismay In His Words And Voice"

"Le Temps" contrasts the calmness of Mr. Chamberlain's speech with the force of Hitler's diatribe. The two speeches, says the paper, define the respective positions of the countries in the war and it is important that both were made just as Mr. Sumner Welles landed in Europe. Mr. Welles is now informed of the positions of the countries at war.

Only a Franco-British victory would give Europe a peace which is not just a precarious truce and which will solve many pending problems.

"L'Intransigeant" says that Hitler's was not the speech of an inspired man who heard mysterious voices but of a man who has become afraid. Hitler invoked Providence on the side of Nazi Germany.

Dismay was not only in his words but in his voice. In a beseeching voice, he tried to convince the Germans that Germany can hold out against the Allied blockade. He begged them not to listen to Allied propaganda. He urged them to think of victory.

Even a man marked by destiny ends his career eventually, says "L'Intransigeant," and it looks as if this hypothesis has now dawned on Hitler! — Havas.

EFFECT OF BLOCKADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Surveying the effects of the Allied blockade of German exports upon Japanese trade, the "Sunday Times" states that the difficulties raised thereby between Britain and Japan are being smoothed over satisfactorily. Thus the s.s. Muroran Maru and the s.s. Tabi Maru, at present held at Rotterdam and Genoa, will be able to weigh anchor shortly.—Havas.

NEW ITALO-GERMAN TRADE AGREEMENT: ROME'S CAUTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

UNDER THE GERMAN-ITALIAN economic agreements negotiated by Dr. Carl Clodius and signed on Saturday, the Reich will be able to increase its purchases on the Italian market, notably of foodstuffs and raw materials.

Italy is to obtain more German coal, necessary for the Italian railways, the increase in quota reaching 3,000,000 tons a year.

Observers point out that it is difficult to see how much the new accord will prove useful for the contracting parties:—The increase in the coal quota renders Italy less dependent on British imports but at the same time confronts Italy and Germany with the difficult task of transporting this enormous amount by rail, as the Allies will soon apply the contraband control to Italian ships.

Meanwhile, the Rome press is enthusiastically commenting on the signature of the new agreements and declares that accords will promote German-Italian economic agreement which, according to "Il Messaggero," is "one of the few table points in the present European situation".—Havas.

Interesting Refusal

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Despite reiterated German requests, Italy has refused to extend the Italo-German agreements to include the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia and German-occupied Poland.

While no comment is available here on this point, observers consider the Italian refusal an extremely interesting political indication.—Havas.

WE HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The latest issue of the official Nazi organ, "Voelkischer Beobachter" carries a story alleging that the British battleship Nelson, 33,950 tons, was "badly damaged" by a mine some two months ago and that she has been in dry dock ever since.—Havas.

*** No news of this has reached either the Ministry of Information or the Admiralty—apparently, neither have yet received their copies of the "Voelkischer Beobachter"!

The Queen inspecting a Scottish Regiment during a visit with the King to a Camp in the South. (Copyright, Fox).

AXIS AND WANG PUPPETRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Despite the recent cable from Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, to Wang Ching-wei, authorised circles believe that Italy will not recognise Wang Ching-wei's regime as long as the Chungking Government continues under its present form.

Germany's attitude is believed to be identical.—Havas.

FINNISH POSITIONS UNCHANGED

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish positions on the eastern part of the Mannerheim Line are practically intact. In the west, the Soviets have made no further progress towards Viborg and have not yet got into touch with the main Finnish defences.

The Soviet lines here form a salient and are under the guns of Koivisto, which is still held by the Finns.

It is true that the Russians say that they have captured it—their announcement making it the second time in the last few days that they have "captured" Koivisto.—Reuter.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE

An official communique states: Saturday was marked by local Russian attacks in which they suffered heavy losses.

"Finnish artillery showed increased activity and dispersed several detachments and destroyed over seventeen tanks.

"North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Finns repulsed the enemy and captured 27 machine-guns and 21 Lewis guns.

"In the direction of Petsamo, a Finnish patrol of ten men repulsed a Russian detachment of 180 men on skis.—Reuter.

SWEDISH EXCHANGE CONTROL

Stockholm, To-day.

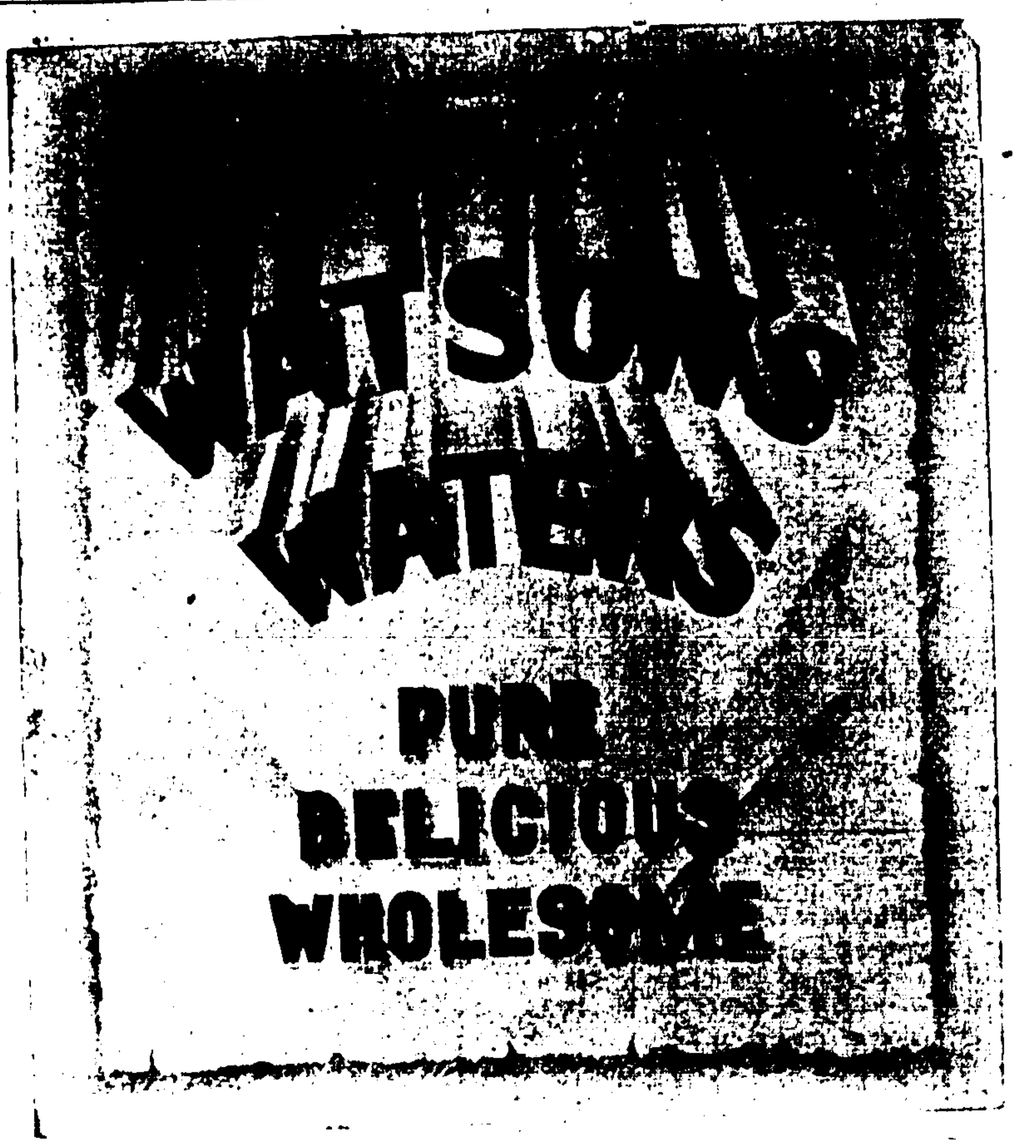
The Riksdag yesterday approved the Government's measures to safeguard the country's exchange, to ensure the importation of vital commodities and to provide for purchases abroad for all the national defence.

Only authorised dealers may sell or buy foreign exchange and then only for special purposes. The measures come into force immediately. — Reuter.

GAMBLING RAID

A gambling den in Wo On Lane was raided by the Police on Saturday night.

Twenty-four men and women were arrested and later released on bail.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

JAPAN AND WANG

Foreign Minister Arita, in his Diet speech, confirmed the policy of the Japanese Government of giving assistance to the new China regime under Wang Ching-wei. As to the respect of Powers' interests in China, Mr. Arita also clarified Japan's policy and stand. He made clear the basis of this policy, which in no way aims at exclusion of third Powers in China. Such indications by the Foreign Minister will prove of service to him in the future handling of diplomatic problems. In other respects, his speech was commonplace. He simply reported on the diplomatic situation which this country faces in its relations with Germany, Italy, the Soviet Union, Britain and the United States.

What arouses our particular concern in this connection is the future prospects of efforts to adjust Soviet-Japanese relations. Arrangement of Soviet-Japanese relations is highly desirable, in view of the territorial propinquity of the Soviet Union. But can we place much expectation in this work just started? The Soviet Union is notorious for frequent changes in its diplomatic policy.—"Yomiura Shimbun."

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PAYING FOR THE WAR

The bank chairmen have this year devoted themselves largely to two public themes—the export trade and the means of avoiding the "vicious spiral." If the speeches contributed nothing exactly new they showed how rapidly opinion has moved towards acceptance of drastic ideas since Mr. Keynes opened the public discussion two and a half months ago. Lord Wardington in his speech to Lloyds Bank described four suggested "remedies" against (or, one should perhaps more properly say, alternatives to) inflation: a high level of taxation all round, rationing, compulsory saving, and voluntary abstention from buying scarce or imported goods. On their respective merits Lord Wardington did not comment except to commend the last as the only one open to the initiative of the private individual. Some of his predecessors in the bank tribune had gone rather farther in suggesting what the Government might do, but the impression all the speeches leave is that leaders of business and financial thought like the bank chairmen are (with the politicians) a little reluctant to face the full rigours of the situation. For a clearly written exposition of it the reader may usefully turn to the latest Oxford pamphlet, Mr. Geoffrey Crowther's "Paying for the War," which brings out well the point that if we are to avoid inflation (or at least to prevent it from reaching dangerous lengths) we shall have to adopt a whole series of measures, all of them severe. At present we are in some danger of having one method played off against another. Some of the well-to-do are vocal about the necessity for restricting the consumption of the wage-earning classes and a good deal less vocal about the inevitability of higher taxation on themselves. Indeed, from some pronouncement it might be imagined that the limits of income tax have been reached. Again, we find trade unionists putting the case the other way round, and arguing as if some manipulation of the taxes on large incomes would do the trick. Mr. Crowther's pamphlet should help to convince both sides that they are wrong.

It is, of course, true that the actual amount that can be raised from further taxation of the rich is not relatively large. To confiscate all incomes over £2,000 would bring in, Mr. Crowther estimates, no more than £60,000,000 over and above the existing taxes. An Excess Profits Tax or an Excess Incomes Tax will only be fruitful if we have inflation, not if we prevent it. That is no reason, of course, why these taxes should not be pushed higher. Nor is there reason why income tax should not be increased for the middle range of incomes. Most of us think we are to pay at 7s. 6d. in the pound, but in actual fact we do nothing of the sort; the standard rate is really an "arithmetical fiction." But while we may do all this, it is important to grasp, as Mr. Crowther says, that

> the only taxes that are likely to bring in any substantial sums of money are not confiscatory levies on the rich or fancy taxes on profiteers or Rolls-Royces, but plain, honest taxes that hurt plain, honest people.

Whether we tax wages direct or adopt Mr. Keynes's half-way plan, the wage-earner cannot go free. There is still the great gap to be closed by borrowing the country's normal savings, and, if we do not adopt compulsory saving (or, rather, even if we do) we have still to restrict deliberately the consumption of the ordinary man and to make the restriction equitable and supportable by rationing. "If the Government is going to spend more than half of the total income of the community, it will have to lay its hands on resources by every means open to it." The question is how boldly and shrewdly it sets about the job and how it carries the people with it. — "Manchester Guardian."

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NEUTRALS' RISKS AND PRIDE

Hitler's anniversary speech to his people consisted largely of vast and vague threats, based on the immense power stated to have been built up by Germany since the outbreak of war. Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at a luncheon in London, gave some more exact but necessarily limited information, to show that Great Britain had also very far from idle during the same period. The relative strength of the rival forces thus created and armed must before long be put to the test of more intensive combat, which we await with complete confidence. But in one respect the Prime Minister indicated a most important difference between them, which cannot fail to be in the minds of all the neutral States.

There is not a single non-belligerent country that feels itself threatened by this enormous accumulation of powers at the disposal of the British command. There is not one which feels its independence in danger at our hands. There is not one which suspects us of coveting a square inch of its territory.

This is the overmastering consideration that we are entitled to ask all the neutrals, great and small; to bear in mind when inconvenience is caused to them by our conduct of war against an enemy who "threatens the existence of States which are too small or too weak or too near "to defy them." The neutral nations whose ships sail the seas round Europe know that they have to set against inconveniences the fact that this enemy's chief destructive effort is at present being exerted against neutral shipping; and they are well aware that the protection of their seamen against Nazi piracy depends upon the vigilance and victory of the Allied navies. It is reasonable therefore to ask that, while fully maintaining, as we are resolved to respect, their neutral rights, they shall bring to the settlement of differences the spirit of conciliation due to those who fight the battle of all free nations. — "The Times."

MORAL POSTURE

Hitler made a pretence of denouncing the Versailles Treaty in the name of national and human justice. He sustained that moral posture for a long time with consummate plausibility. As we now see, it was a device of propaganda and an immense hypocrisy.—J. L. Garvin.

Germany Anxious To Secure Peace In Finland

TRYING TO INDUCE BEAR TO LIE DOWN

BIG A.R.P. EXERCISE IN HANTS

London, To-day.

The biggest civil defence exercise ever held in Britain was staged in the South of England yesterday.

Twelve thousand A.R.P. and A.F.S. personnel took part in the exercise in two towns which were presumed to have been raided by enemy bombers.

Sir John Anderson, Minister for Home Secretary, and the Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence, together with many technical experts, carried out the tests lasting the whole day.

For the first time in such an exercise, the practice of bringing in reinforcements from outside areas to assist areas badly damaged in raids was carried out.

Fire brigade first aid parties hurried into the South from places as far west as Poole and as far north as Andover to co-operate with the local service.

RESCUE INCIDENTS

Sir John Anderson, commenting on this side of the exercise, said it was an essential part of A.R.P. organisation and the quickness and thoroughness with which the outside areas had responded showed the value of the scheme.

Sir John saw several incidents arranged to test the various services.

One was the rescue of casualties from a burning building on to which an aeroplane had fallen. A dummy plane with Swastika markings was used and soldiers acted as casualties.

Ambulance units which took part in the exercise, took over 100 casualties to another town where they were put on a hospital train. — British Wireless.

SURPRISE DEPARTURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

THE DUKE OF SAXE COBURG GOTHA, CHAIRMAN OF THE GERMAN RED CROSS, WHO ARRIVED HERE ON FEBRUARY 16 VIA SIBERIA, LEFT FOR LOS ANGELES ON FRIDAY ON BOARD THE S.S. ASAMA MARU.

His sudden departure gave rise to many comments since the Duke, it is believed, intended to stay a long time in Japan to study problems relating to German-Japanese relations.

The Duke merely stated that he was going to the Red Cross Congress in New York, while the Japanese authorities denied any incident.—Havas.

GERMAN RAID ON THE WESTERN FRONT

London, To-day.

The French official evening communique states: "After trench mortar preparation, the enemy attempted to raid our outposts between the Ruhr and the Vosges. This raid was at once repulsed with losses."—British Wireless.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CONFIRMATION OF AN ACCOUNT OF GERMAN PEACE MOVEMENTS GIVEN IN THE BELGRADE PAPER "POLITIKA" IS GIVEN BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE "SUNDAY DESPATCH."

The Germans have taken steps to patch up something in the way of peace, he writes. Negotiations have already begun between Moscow and Helsinki.

The Nazi attitude is the result of a series of conferences between Hitler and his political and military advisors.

Moscow is reported to be more or less willing, but would prefer to save the Soviet Union's face by a striking victory in Finland. — Havas.

BELGRADE SAYS MOVE IS IMMINENT

Belgrade, To-day.

The Belgrade press is concerned with the question of mediation in the Soviet-Finnish war.

The Berlin correspondent of "Politika" reports that unofficial Nazi circles consider that a move is imminent in this direction. Despite all official denials, the attitude of the German press shows that plans are being made to seek a pacific solution of the Soviet-Finnish war. The German press is dropping hints to the Finns under the guise of "friendly advice," the advice being that resistance is hopeless and that a long war will have serious consequences.—Havas.

With Soviet Consent ?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The "Sunday Despatch" writes that with Russia's consent, Germany is doing her utmost to mediate in the Russo-Finnish conflict although Moscow is still determined first to achieve a face-saving victory.

Germany's stand resulted from conferences between Hitler, his political advisers and the German General Staff.

Should Moscow continue to fight and obtain some victory, Germany would help her by preventing the passage of volunteers through Scandinavia either by land or sea.

The Reich is prepared to use coercive action and is reported to have warned the Swedish, Norwegian and Danish Governments on the eve of the Nordic conference at Copenhagen.

At the same time Germany promised to "guarantee" the neutrality of the Scandinavians provided they pledge to remain aside.—Havas.

STALIN WANTS HIS OWN GREAT WALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

According to press despatches from Moscow, Russia is to build a gigantic defence line to protect herself from her ally, Germany.

Stalin is reported to have given the order for the construction of the fortified line. Thousands of Poles are to be enrolled for the task and some of these are said to be at work already.

The line will run from the border of the Black Sea, along the Rumanian frontier, across the Carpathians, up through Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Esthonia, and end at Leningrad.

A copy of the Maginot, Mannerheim and Siegfried lines, it will cost over £100,000,000, and will be the usual affair of barbed wire, concrete blockhouses, artillery and machine gun forts, mine-fields, tank traps, underground munition depots, etc.—Havas.

NORWAY SENDS NOTE

London, To-day.

The Foreign Office announces that the Norwegian Minister in London called on Lord Halifax on Saturday and presented him with a Note from the Norwegian Government on the Altmark case.

The Minister also replied to certain enquiries which were made at the interview a week ago.—Reuter.

R.A.F. AID DRAMATIC RESCUE

London, To-day.

Once again aircraft of the Coastal Command have been able to save the lives of shipwrecked seamen drifting on a raft.

The pilot of an R.A.F. coastal command aircraft patrol yesterday morning made out, in the half light, an object floating on the water.

He came down to investigate and found a raft bearing six men. The seas were washing over them.

The men heard the aircraft, looked up and waved.

The pilot circled round the raft to let the men know they had been sighted and then flew off to find a destroyer which he knew to be not far away. The craft soon made contact with the destroyer and guided it to the raft.

Less than 50 minutes after they been first seen the six shipwrecked seamen were all safely on board the warship.—British Wireless.

RIBBENTROP DOUBTFUL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, may make a visit to Rome shortly to sound out Italy's policy in the event of possible future developments in the European situation, according to the Zurich correspondent of the "Paris Soir."—Havas.

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WHAT OF THE WAR ON LAND?

Though Hitler's long-threatened onslaught has once again been postponed, and though the fighting on the Western Front for the last three months has consisted of little more than outpost skirmishes, the major operations in Poland and Finland have shown that, despite the introduction of modern weapons, the age-old principles of war remain unchanged.

In the belief that he could overrun Poland without involving himself in hostilities with England and France, Hitler, as all the world now knows, was guilty of an unbelievable miscalculation which, before the war is over, will cost his country dear.

But for the moment he has achieved his sinister purpose and, taking the campaign by itself, without any reference to the ultimate consequences of that one colossal blunder, we can see in the brutal overthrow of Poland a brilliant though ignoble example of the advantages that accrue from a careful planning for war in time of peace.

These plans included the methodical calculation and provision of the military force required, the education of the civilian population in a spirit of patriotic self-denial, the amazing pact with Russia, which was intended to ensure that Poland's friends would forsake her, the skilful massing of eighty divisions on the frontier, in the choice of the most favourable day in the year for launching the attack, and the clock-work precision of the advance at zero hour.

And here let it be noticed that the faultless plans for the advance of that vast army could never have been completed without many weeks of arduous work by the Staff, and that this fact alone is sufficient to give the lie to Hitler's thread-bare assertion that Poland started the war.

Turning to greater detail, it is interesting to notice that, though aircraft and armoured vehicles have now supplanted cavalry, the action of the German airplanes and armoured cars against the Polish communications was precisely in accordance with the role which the German General Bernhardi proposed for the action of cavalry in his well-known book, "War of To-day," published in 1911. In that book, contrary to the opinion of his contemporaries, Bernhardi insisted on the value of cavalry raids at the beginning of a future war.

Cavalry, he said, must at all costs act on the enemy's communications. He pointed out that the larger the opposing armies the less they would be able to live on the country; the faster that new artillery and infantry weapons could shoot the more dependent they would be on the constant arrival of trains of ammunition. "Here, therefore, on the enemy's communications, is a field for the cavalry to gain far-reaching success."

MAGNIFICENT MANNERHEIM

The day of the horse in modern warfare is over, as the Poles discovered to their cost; but it was to the sweeping successes of the modern equivalent of cavalry that Poland's rapid defeat was principally due.

The fate of the gallant Finns still trembles in the balance, but that almost incredible campaign has already re-affirmed the truth of the doctrine that "it is the man, not the men, who counts most in war." As a result of Stalin's repeated purges of the higher ranks of his army, the leaderless Russian troops have found themselves in the position of sheep without a shepherd, and the Finnish Commander-in-Chief, despite the great disparity in numbers, has won a chain of victories.

By his brilliant leadership, indeed, Field-Marshal Mannerheim, whose name will stand henceforth as a synonym for menliness and courage, has done much more than cover his own nation with glory: he has won the lasting gratitude of Western civilisation. He has brought new hope to the other small nations whose independence is threatened by brutal aggression: he has re-affirmed the truth of the doctrine—so apt to be forgotten in times of stress and strain—that the word "impossible" should find no place in the military leader's vocabulary.

That he should be able to continue his successes in the face of a numerical superiority of more than sixty to one is, perhaps, too much to hope for; but whatever the future may hold for him, his achievements in the last few weeks have already enshrined his name among the immortals.

SNEERING AT "BRASS HATS"

In connection with this question of leadership, it is well to remember that when the long-awaited storm envelops the Western Front it will be upon the courage and skill of our own supreme generals that the fate of our army and our own future liberty will depend; and if it were not a tradition in this country for uninstructed civilians to level bitter taunts at what they like to call the "brass hats," we could not look forward to the future with all the confidence that we do.

Fortunately, however, we can disregard these taunts, realising that it

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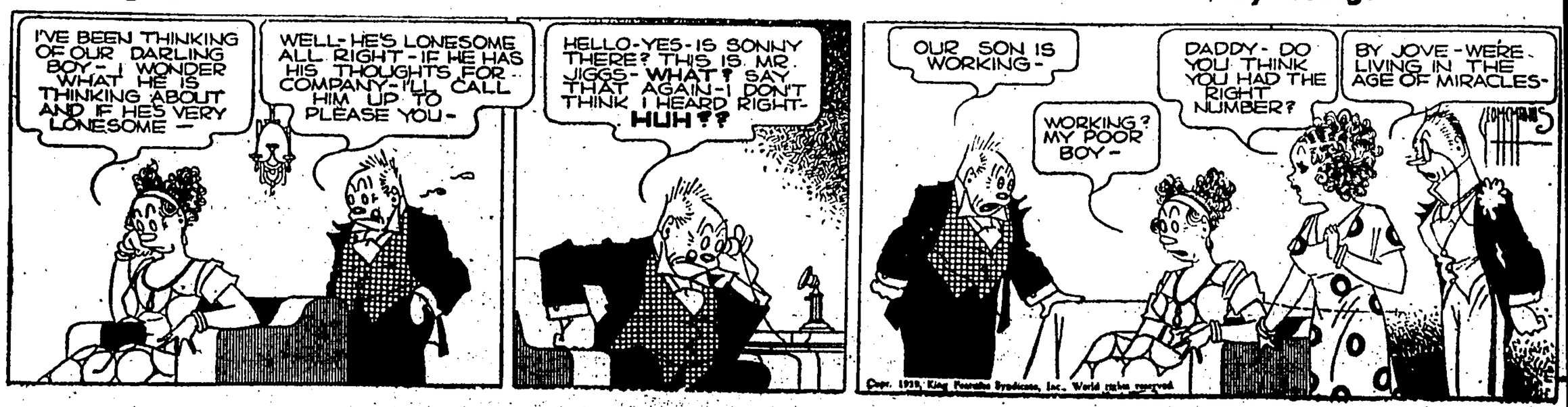
Bringing Up Father — **By George McManus**



WHAT OF THE WAR ON LAND?

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has always been the fashion in England to disparage the War Office, the "brass hats," and even the men in the ranks, in time of peace. As Kipling sang long ago:

"It's 'Tommy this' and 'Tommy that and "Tommy wait outside,'
But it's 'Thank, you, Mr. Atkins,' when the troopship's on the tide."

Even the great Duke of Marlborough, who was universally acknowledged on the Continent of Europe to be one of the few supremely great captains in the world's history, was never sufficiently recognised by his own countrymen. Yet it was he of whom Voltaire wrote: "He had to a degree above all other generals of his time that calm courage in the midst of tumult, that serenity of soul in danger, which the English call a cool head . . . the greatest gift of nature for command."

This is the quality which the Allied commanders will need, and will assuredly exhibit, in the dark days ahead: and it is good to remember that all who served with our present Commander-in-Chief in the last war can testify that serenity of soul in time of danger is his greatest characteristic, and to remember, too, that the first of his many war-ribbons is the coveted Victoria Cross.

As to the future, none of the fighting that has hitherto taken place sheds any light on the probable course of events on the Western Front, where the walls of concrete and steel, behind which the opposing armies maintain their ceaseless vigil, appear to offer an almost insoluble problem to the side which attempts an attack. Yet history shows that it is folly to look upon any problem as insoluble. Every new weapon has eventually met its antidote: the inventive genius of Englishmen in the last war produced the tank to capture the Germans' apparently impregnable lines; and tanks in turn are now held back stronger fortifications and anti-tank guns.

For the moment, however, it is clear that Hitler has no answer to the problem created by his fatal miscalculation of the spirit of this country. It is surely for this reason that, faced by a front door which is stoutly bolted and barred, he has again weighed the chances of hacking his way in through a side door, even though this would entail a sordid attack on a small neutral State whose neutrality he has promised to respect. But it would not be all to his advantage to add another million to the forces arrayed against him; the idea probably meets with violent opposition; and the threatened attack has once again been postponed.

ECONOMIC STRANGLEHOLD

These repeated delays can only be damaging to Hitler's prestige, for in a war against Civilisation a rapid chain of overwhelming victories was his one hope of success. Meanwhile, the economic stranglehold of the Allies grows daily tighter, and even the well-disciplined Germans will not submit indefinitely to the burdens and privations imposed upon them by a Fuehrer whose lucky star has begun to set.

It is not too much to say, indeed, that as a result of the last three months of inaction Hitler has lost the first round of the war. Yet this is not the moment for any complacency, but rather for increased resolve.

Neither on land nor in the air has the real struggle begun, and in the grim days that lie ahead it will need all our courage and determination, all our unity, and all our willing self-sacrifice to carry us on to Victory.

BRITISH ORDERS IN AUSTRALIA

Canberra, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that Britain has purchased Australia's entire output of wolfram and scheelite vital commodities in the manufacture of armaments.

Germany was a large buyer of Australian wolfram before the war. —Reuter.

LOYALTY OF THE COLONIES

London, Yesterday.

The loyalty of the British Colonial Empire has been demonstrated since the outbreak of war in almost bewildering variety and the people of Britain are fully appreciative.

The current issue of the weekly journal, "Economist," gives details from which it will be realized that the devotion and enthusiasm to serve the Mother Country in the time of her need is shown equally in France's Colonial Empire.

"From French Indo-China come accounts of young men streaming in from the countryside to Saigon and Hanoi to offer their services and of the cordial encouragement given to recruiting by Emperor Baodai.

In Togoland and the Cameroons, native chiefs led mass levies of their tribesmen into Lome Yaounde and Dauala demanding to enlist at once, while in French West Africa, several chiefs sent formal demands to the Minister for the Colonies for the "favour of fighting under the flag with all young men of fifteen upwards."

Further North, special prayers for victory have been introduced into the mosques of France's Moslem subjects, and even in Syria, where disaffection and unrest were a serious embarrassment before the war, the outbreak of hostilities saw the end of civil discord. — British Wireless.

TRAFFICKER CAUGHT

HAVING DODGED THE AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE FOR TWO YEARS, A MIDDLE-AGED CHINESE WOMAN WAS FINALLY ARRESTED IN THE COLONY THE OTHER DAY FOR ENGAGING IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

It is understood that she has been banished from the Colony for life.

Investigations into the activities of this woman revealed that she had "shipped" 13 boys between the ages of three and 10 years old from the Colony to Singapore.

The children were sold to clients in the Strait Settlements and cannot now be traced.

HEAVY LOAD

London, Yesterday.

The war has given the British railways some difficult problems to solve, particularly in the handling of bulky articles.

Recently, a 50-ton hot-metal ladle was conveyed from Lincolnshire to South Wales. It was 18 feet long and had a diameter of 11 feet.

An adjoining railway line had to be kept clear throughout the whole journey.—Reuter.

PRES. ROOSEVELT PLEASED

New York, Yesterday.

President Roosevelt, on board the U.S.S. destroyer Lang, on being informed of the passage of the bill extending the trade programme, sent a radio message to Speaker Bankhead saying that the passage of the bill "will make more possible peaceful, prosperous relations between nations in the days to come."—Reuter.

BALTIC PARLEYS

Riga, Yesterday.

It is stated here that only economic matters will be discussed at the forthcoming conference of the Baltic States — Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania. — Reuter.

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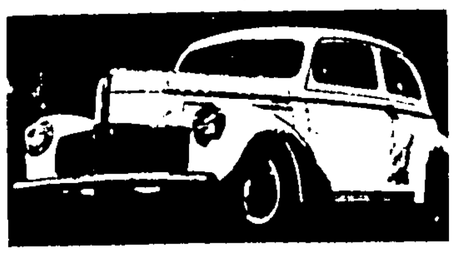

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Haiphong	February 27.
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Haiphong		Tues., Feb. 27, 1.30 p.m.
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Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 24th March.	**G.P.O. & K.P.O.** Reg.,	Feb. 27, 2.45 p.m.
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	G.P.O. Reg.,	Feb. 27, 5.00 p.m.
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	WEDNESDAY	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu U.S.A., Central and South America Via San Francisco—due San Francisco 21st March		Wednesday, Feb. 28.
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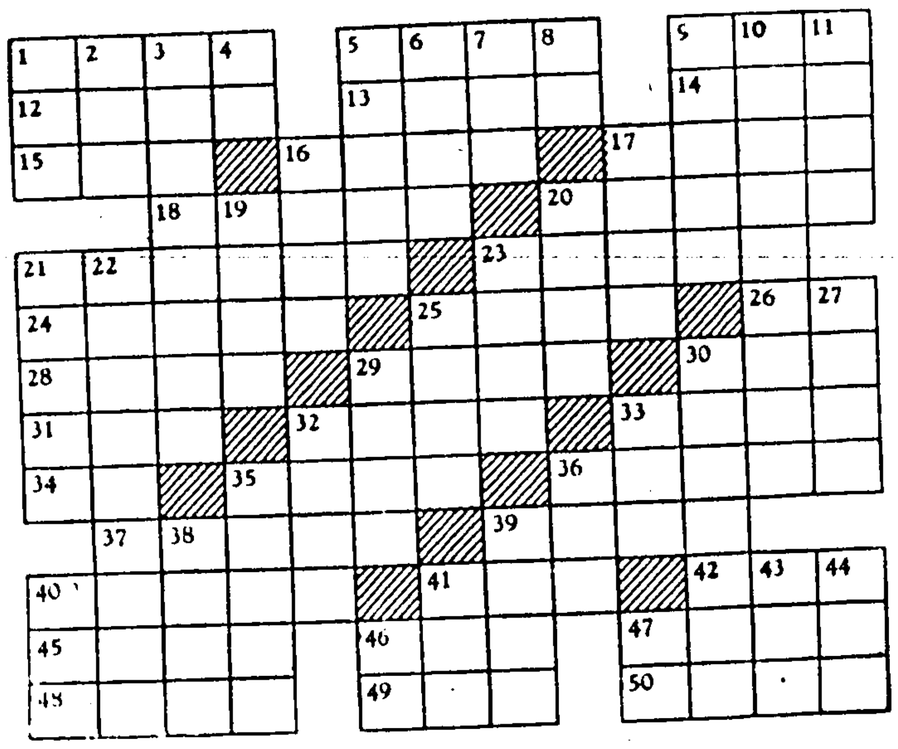

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5 To spread out
9 To lick
12 Persian poet
13 Nimbus
14 Silkworm
15 To blockade
16 To entice (dial.)
17 Fad
18 To roam stealthily
20 Founded
21 Apportions
23 Fabric
24 Encounters
25 Skein
26 Toward
28 Monster
29 Beverage
30 By way of
31 French article
32 To branch off
33 To sag
34 Type measure
35 Blackthorn
36 Relieves
37 Mounds
39 Soap stone
40 Uncovered
41 Distant
42 Harem room
45 Impulse
46 Atmosphere
47 Ancient site
48 One who colours
49 Wager
50 Serf

VERTICAL
1 Food-fish
2 Wine cup
3 Needle works
4 Teutonic deity
5 Demonstrates
6 To grow tiresome
7 Beverage
8 Japanese drama
9 To rent
10 S. American country
11 Mottled
16 Children
17 Title
19 Repetition
20 Climbing stem
21 Soap plant
22 Mythical
23 Thin
25 To engage
27 Trees
29 Courts
30 Gelatinous
32 Escaped
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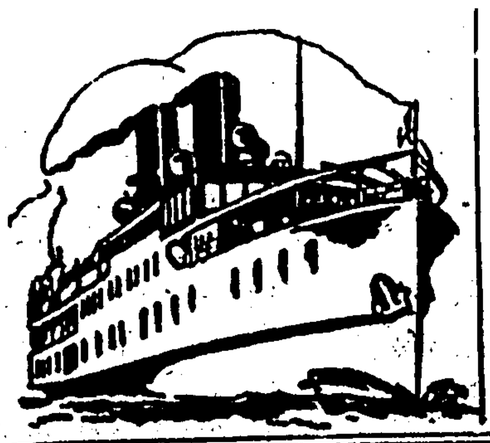

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WHAT GERMANS THINK ABOUT THEIR LEADERS NOW

GOERING IS MENTIONED more often than Hitler in conversations among Germans nowadays.

It would not be exactly true to say that Hitler's followers are losing faith in him.

But his recent inactivity, the deterioration in the food situation, the absence of a Blitzkrieg, and the failure of the "secret" weapon, are puzzling the public.

They are asking why Hitler is waiting and what he is waiting for.

On the other hand, Goering's activity, his multifarious decrees affecting every sphere of life, keep him constantly in the public eye.

He appears as the man of action.

Admiration

Despite the difficulties which are placed in the way of normal business by the Four-Year Self-Sufficiency Plan, there is admiration in business circles for Goering's achievements.

Exporters and importers, who have contact with the outer world, consider that Hitler should resign and hand over the reins to Goering.

There are still some Austrians who pin their faith in Hitler.

But their faith would seem to be based on the ultra-sentimentality of the Austrian because Hitler is an Austrian himself.

Even these people, however, declare that if anything should happen to Hitler, Austria would no longer remain part of the Reich.

On the whole, there is little real support for Hitler or the Nazi Government.

Neither is Goering popular in Austria.

The various official White, Yellow and other books on the origins of the war have done something to improve Ribbentrop's position, but his popularity has gone.

Scandal

Dr. Ley, the Labour Front leader, has consolidated his position, as the working people believe that he has been responsible for concessions made to them since the war began.

Goebbels' following is reported to be falling away, even in Berlin, which is his own particular stronghold.

Personal scandal about him forms a regular topic of conversation nowadays.

Finally, what does the average German think of the Nazi "foreign policy"?

The general attitude towards Poland is that it was her own fault that she has been so ruthlessly destroyed.

The fault was—believing in the Allies.

But there is a great reluctance to talk about Poland, and it would seem that few Germans are proud of the turn events are taking there.

HEAVY S. KWANGSI FIGHTING

Kweilin, To-day.

Heavy fighting continued unabated on the south Kwangsi front during the weekend, as Japanese rushed reinforcements to maintain their footholds along the Yamchow-Nanning highway.

South of Nanning, Chinese guerillas have increased their activities to help the regular force's operations in the 30-mile stretch of the Yamchow-Nanning highway between Tatang and Siutunghu just across the Kwangtung border. Chinese forces are in complete control of all important points on this section.

Wutang, fifteen miles northeast of Nanning on the highway to Pinyang, was the scene of a sanguinary battle throughout Saturday.

The Japanese command used infantry, a dozen tanks, heavy batteries, and nine planes to storm the Chinese stronghold but Chinese resistance held. The Japanese lost eight armoured cars and some 1,000 killed and wounded.—Central News.

FLOATING MINE SEEN THIS MORNING

A floating mine was reported by the s.s. Taishan this morning. Sighted in the course of the trip between Hong Kong and Macao at 9.24 a.m., the position of the mine was given as Lat. 22.11 N., Long. 113.59 E.

LOCAL SHARES

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EXPEDITION INTO GERMANY

(Continued from Page 5)

But there was no surprise when I told them the truth and gave the lie to the reports they have been getting in their newspapers and on the radio. And that struck me as very significant, this readiness to accept as false without protest or question the propaganda news they have been fed on for weeks, day in, day out.

Don't imagine, though, that this is a symption of coming internal upheaval. The Hitler propaganda machine does seem to me to have convinced most Germans of two things:—

(a) That if they are willing to make sacrifices and endure they will defeat what they have been taught to regard as the effete and decadent plutocracies of the west.

(b) That if they don't it will be 1918 and 1919 over again for them, only two hundred times worse.

"It's a backs-to-the-wall fight for us, with everything to win and nothing to lose" is the way one German I talked to put it.

To combat this conviction and show the Germans how wrong it is should be the aim of all those who are trying from outside and inside Germany to create a new Germany freed from the unjustness and propaganda lies of the Hitler regime, with a Government in whose pledges, both the German people and the other nations of the world can place their trust.

'You Would Never Get A Car'

The train was runnnig slow. It was already two and a half hours behind schedule when, outside Hanover, it stopped altogether. We stood halted in the siding for three hours.

"What's up?" I asked the guard "Have those other trains passing us priority rights?" I thought they might be troop trains or munition transports.

"Not a bit of it," snorted the guard, a real old-fashioned Prussian, with a bristling, bright red Kaiser moustache. "It's just an engine breakdown. That's nothing these days, ho! ho! They'll patch it up, and then we'll go on."

"Wish to goodness I had hired a car to take me along the autostrade to Berlin. I should have been there by now," I said when I got back into my carriage.

"Hire a car and go along the autobahn?" said the man in the window seat. "You would never get a car. "Petrol is only available for really urgent road transport, stuff that absolutely must go by road, and the only cars allowed to be used at all are the few that have been given the Red Angle sign to show that they are doing work of importance."

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GOEBBELS FICTION FACTORY

London, Yesterday.

London naval circles do not consider that Germany's latest attempt to persuade the world of her strict regard for international law and on the other hand Britain's constant disregard for it, will be found by any unbiased critic to be very impressive when confronted by the facts.

The German wireless station at Zeesen has made five accusations against Britain attacking German merchantmen in neutral waters.

First, the Franken was reported to have been stopped by British military aeroplane on September 6 within one and a half miles of the coast of Sumatra.

Secondly, the Bertha Fisher is reported to have been stopped on November 20 by a British auxillary cruiser one and a half miles from Iceland as a result of which she scuttled herself.

Thirdly, the Arauka was allegedly attacked by a British cruiser on December 19 within three mile of the Florida coast.

Fourthly, the Glucksberg is said to have been approached by a British warship in Spanish waters near Cadiz on December 26.

Fifthly, the Wakama is said to have been attacked in Brazilian territorial waters and the crew fired upon after they had taken to the boats.

THE FACTS

As a result of careful investigation of these charges by the British Government, it is now possible officially to state the true facts.

The Franken was sighted well outside Dutch territorial waters near Padang by an aeroplane from one of His Majesty's ships operating in these seas.

Signals were made to her to stop.

The Franken did not stop but no further action was taken by the aeroplane.

There was no reason for the scuttling of the Bertha Fischer except that scuttling seems to have become one of the traditions both of the German navy and mercantile marine. All the officers and crew were picked up by one of His Majesty's ships and are now prisoners of war.

The Arauka was well outside American territorial waters when she was located by one of His Majesty's ships. When she reached territorial waters the chase was immediately broken off and she took refuge at Port Everglades, Florida.

RUN ASHORE

The Glucksberg was sighted by a British destroyer when she was seven miles from the Spanish coast —four miles outside territorial waters —and the destroyer was well to seaward of the German ship. As soon as she was sighted the Glucksberg dashed for the coast. The ship was abandoned and left to run ashore pilotless and with the sea cocks open.

The Wakama was not attacked nor was she in territorial waters when she scuttled herself. All her officers and men were picked up by a British warship and, though prisoners, are safe and sound.

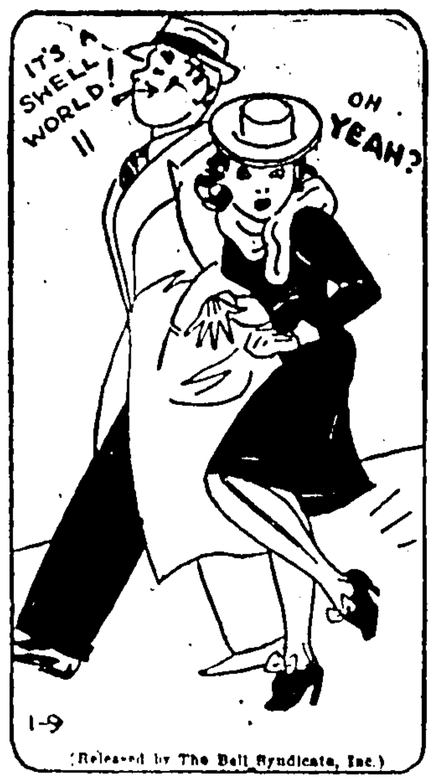
It will be seen that not one of these charges is borne out by the facts.—British Wireless.

CYPRIOTS RALLYING TO COLOURS

London, Yesterday.

The Cyprus recruiting authorities reveal that over 6,000 applications to join the Colours have been received since the outbreak of war.

This total was reached before the announcement was made of the King's approval of the establishment of a new Cyprus Regiment, for which further recruiting is now proceeding.—British Wireless.



An optimist is he who thinks a cheerful disposition is the only thing necessary to set the world aright.

B.E.F. TURNS OUT RUGGER CRACK SIDE

Paris, To-day.

Some 25,000 spectators in Paris yesterday saw the first Rugby Football match to be played between the British and French Armies for ten years.

Both teams came out together and were presented to M. Campinchi, the Minister of the Navy.

Britain won by 36 points to 3.—Reuter.

The British team was brilliant. The members were all English, Scottish, Irish or Welsh internationals. Their much heavier forwards got the ball constantly and their three-quarters made good use of it, whereas the French, perhaps awed by the reputation of their opponents, were hesitant and always defending after the first 15 minutes. — Reuter.

HOLD-UP OF S'HAI BUS

CHUNGKING, YESTERDAY.

A DARING HOLD-UP IN A CROWDED DOUBLE-DECK BUS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT WAS ENACTED BY THREE GUNMEN IN SHANGHAI'S "BADLAND" IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM SHANGHAI.

The bus, which was one of the regular fleet belonging to the China General Omnibus Company running between Jessfield Park and downtown, was proceeding into the International Settlement when the gunmen, posing as passengers, suddenly whipped out revolvers and held up the other passengers.

The bus-driver raced his car into the Settlement. The gunmen fired two blind shots and the driver stopped outside the Paramount Ballroom, just a few yards from the Bubblingwell Road Police Station.

In a few seconds, the bus was surrounded by a score of armed policemen. All three gunmen were overpowered and placed under arrest. — Central News.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

Chinese Y.M.C.A. will meet University "B" in an "A" Division badminton League match to-night.

University "B":—C. B. Cheah, and K. B. Low; T. C. Tang and S. L. Yong; P. K. Chan and K. L. Hui.

Chinese "Y":—C. Au and H. Koh; P. H. Wong and F. Koh; S. C. Chung and H. M. Lau.

Charged with trespassing in the Indians' Barracks at Kowloon City Police Station on Saturday, Channan Singh, unemployed, was this morning fined $10 Mr. E. Himsworth.

B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of The British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch:—Previously Acknowledged $416,110.28; Anonymous $10; D. C. Davis (Monthly) $25; Davis Brooke and Gran (Monthly) $70; John Forbes (Monthly) $25; M. G. Carruthers (Monthly) $30; Some of the Chinese Staff—Holts Wharf $44.14; G. Riddell-Carre (Monthly) $25; D. W. Hume (Monthly) $10; Bridge and Mah Jong Drive—Sisters Quarters Queen Mary Hospital $169; Charity Sale, Exhibition of Chinese Products per Chinese Manufacturers Union $630; Anonymous $250; Members of Kowloon Recreation Club $176; Rev. T. A. and Mrs. Broadfoot—Jan/Feb. $10; F. V. Jensen $1,000; European and Chinese Staff—H.K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. $910; F. Linemen $25; Service Men's Dance—China Fleet Club 3/2/40 $68.20; Kowloon Bowling Green Club $65; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alabaster—February $50. Total $419,702.62.

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Rev. T. A. and Mrs. Broadfoot (Monthly) $5.00.

MR. MYRON TAYLOR'S AUDIENCE OF POPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Vatican City, To-day.

Shortly after his arrival in Rome, Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, received a visit from two representatives of Cardinal Maglione, the Papal Secretary of State, who conveyed to him the Cardinal's welcome.

Mr. Taylor is to call on Cardinal Maglione to-day and the date will be fixed for a solemn audience of the Pope.—Havas.

JUNKMASTER BOUND OVER

Stating that they used the weapons to protect the junk, a 75-year-old fishing junk master and his two fokis were this morning bound over by Mr. E. Himsworth when charged with possession of a revolver, 45 rounds of ammunition, two rifles and 190 rounds of ammunition.

Ng Yau, 40, mistress of a trading junk, charged with possession of 18 sticks of dynamite, was fined $20.

FOUND DEAD—BELIEVED KILLED IN BURGLARY ATTEMPT

The body of a forty-year-old Chinese was removed to the Public Mortuary this morning.

The man was found dead in the backyard of No. 18, Macdonnell Road at about 4.50 a.m. It is believed that the man was a burglar who fell whilst attempting to climb up a pipe.

Women of all ages are liable to suffer irregularities of health through anaemia although its most frequent victims are those in their 'teens and early twenties.

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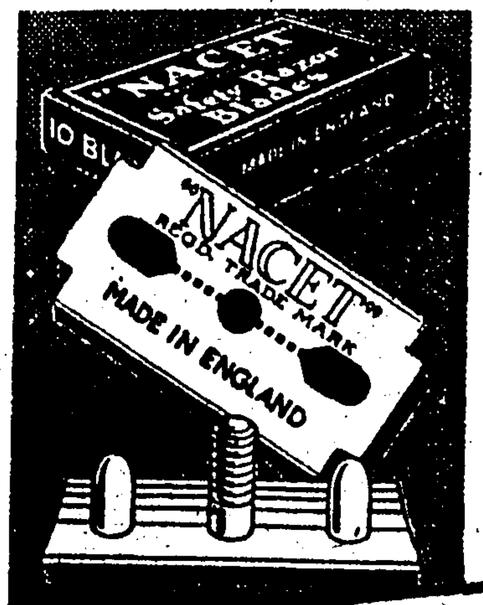

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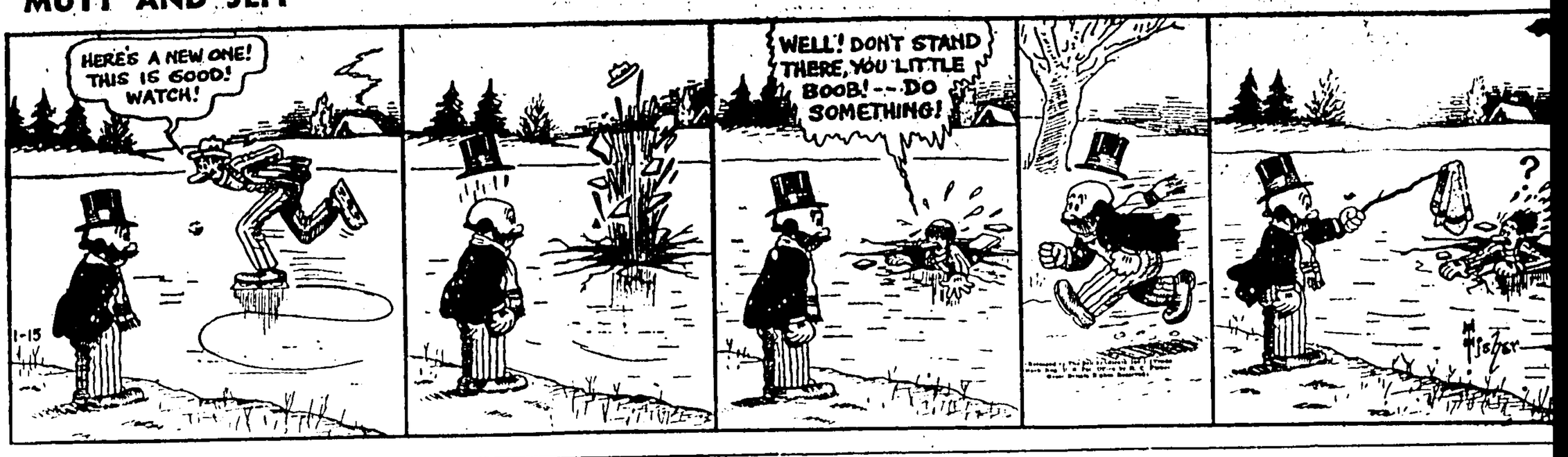

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. 9.52 Megacycles

Programme Of Variety Items

6.00 p.m.—"FOR THE CHILDREN."
Barnacle Bill, The Sailor (Robison-Luther)....Billy Costello (the Original Pop Eye) with Novelty Accomp.
Wee Willie Winkie (Roberton)....Boyd Steven (Soprano) with Piano.
STUDIO—Story by Aunt Susan.
Humorous Monologue—Many Happy Returns (de Bear)....Stanley Holloway with Piano.
Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-Wow (Tabrar)....The Maestros (Vocal Quintette) with Piano.
Lullaby (from the film) .... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—SEA SHANTIES.
The Sailor Likes His Bottle-O; Clear the Track, Let the Bullgine Run (arr. Terry)....John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
We're All Bound To Go (from 'Shanty Book'—Edited by Sir R. R. Terry)....Raymond Newell & Chorus with Piano.
Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry)....John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
6.42 p.m.—REGIMENTAL BAND OF H.M. GRENADIER GUARDS.
Old Folks At Home and In Foreign Lands (C. J. Roberts); The Voice of the Bells (Luigini, arr. Miller); The Old Frog Pond, Characteristic (Alford); Belphegor—Quick March (Brepsant).
7.00 p.m.—MUSICAL COMEDY SELECTIONS.
"The Desert Song"—Selection (Romberg)....Savoy Orpheans Band.
"The Dancing Years"—The Wings of Sleep (Novello)....Mary Ellis and Olive Gilbert with Ivor Novello at the Piano, accomp. by Drury Lane Theatre Orch.
"The Song of the Drum"—Selection (Ellis & Finck)....Herman Finck & His Orch.
"Music In The Air"—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein & Kern)....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—NEWS SUMMARY.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.
8.07 p.m.—REGINALD FOORT, RAIE DA COSTA AND ARTHUR ASKEY IN VARIETY.
Piano—Would You Like To Take A Walk (Dixon & Others); The Match Parade (Wehle)....Raie Da Costa.
Comedian—Ding Dong Bell (Askey); I Pulled Myself Together! (Askey)....Arthur Askey with Piano.
Cinema Organ—Hit Parade No. 3. Intro: Goodnight, Angel; My heaven on earth; Have you ever been in Heaven; Why talk about love; Serenade to the stars; So long, sweetheart....Reginald Foort.
Comedian—Woof! Yap! Bow-Bow-Wow (Evans & Others)....Arthur Askey with Piano.
Cinema Organ—The Lost Chord (Sullivan); Cloister Shadows (Hope) .... Reginald Foort.
Piano—Blue Again (McHugh); Parade of the Minutes (Rees & Myers)....Raie da Costa.
Cinema Organ & Violin—Song of Paradise (King); Serenade (Moussorgsky)....Reginald Foort and Alfredo Campoli.
8.47 p.m.—KETELBEY—IN A FAIRY REALM—SUITE. Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—SOME WELSH SONGS.
Y Delyn Aur....Rhondda Welsh Glee Singers with Piano.
Titrwm, Tatrwm—Welsh Folk Song; Sleep thou, my pretty child—Welsh Folk Song; Where are you going to?—Welsh Folk Song; The Bittern from the Banna—Welsh Folk Song....Mable Parry (Soprano) with Piano.
All Through the Night; March of the Men of Harlech....Royal Mountain Ash Male Choir with Piano.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—NEWS SUMMARY.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"LONDON TRAFFIC". A Mossaic of Actuality and Letters compiled and produced by Felix Felton.
10.02 p.m.—COMPOSITIONS OF ERIC COATES.
Cinderella—A Phantasy; By The Sleepy Lagoon....Eric Coates & Symphony Orch.
Stars and a Crescent Moon; A House Love made for You and Me....Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) with 'Cello, Oboe and Piano.
Summer Afternoon—Idyll; London Bridge—March....Eric Coates & Symphony Orch.
10.30 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trot—If It's Good Then I Want It; Blues—West End Blues....Louis Armstrong & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—It Seems Like Old Times; White Sails....Ruby Newman & His Orch.
Tangos—When A Gipsy Played; Tango Marina....Emil Roosz & His Orch.
Fox-Trots—Royal Garden Blues; Squeeze Me....Bob Crosby & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Roses are Blooming in loveland; You Made Me Care....The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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A very effective play, which only fine players seem to be acquainted with, is known as the "trump squeeze." This play may be executed when dummy holds more trumps than the Declarer. In a recent Duplicate game South, using the trump squeeze, achieved a top score by making one trick more than any one else.

Duplicate Bridge
South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

	♠ 3 ♡ K 9 8 6 2 ◇ 10 9 8 5 ♣ 7 6 4	
♠ Q J 9 7 2 ♡ 5 ◇ A Q 6 4 ♣ 10 8 3	N W E S	♠ A 8 6 5 ♡ J 7 4 ◇ K J 3 2 ♣ 9 5
	♠ K 10 4 ♡ A Q 10 3 ◇ 7 ♣ A K Q J 2	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Queen of spades and East, after winning with the Ace, shifted to a club. South won and then proceeded to run off five tricks in trumps. On dummy's last trump Declarer discarded his only diamond. Now the club suit was run. Thinking he was squeezed, West eventually discarded all his spades in order to hold the Ace-Queen of diamonds. South's King-ten of spades then won the last two tricks, so that the Spade Ace was the only trick won by the defence.

In this case West discarded badly, for he actually wasn't squeezed at all. Nevertheless the trump squeeze had produced one trick more than the hand called for.

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Saturday you were Merwin Maier's partner and held:

♠ 6 2
♡ A K 6 4 3 2
◇ A
♣ 5 4 3 2

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Maier	Schenken
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to sign off at three hearts.

Score 100% for three hearts, 40% for four hearts (an overbid), 20% for pass, 0 for three notrump.

QUESTION NO. 343

Howard Schenken is your partner and you hold:

♠ 10 x x x
♡ A x x
◇ K x x
♣ A K x

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
Pass	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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KING . 2
QUEEN 1
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LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY DEFEAT AIR FORCE

In a second division League cricket match at Civil Service Cricket Club yesterday, Army "B" easily defeated Royal Air Force by 80 runs.

ARMY

Capt. J. F. Lawrence, run out	7
S/Sgt. Gardner, c Cook, b Gillespie	20
Major J. E. Swyer, c Nancarrow, b Gillespie	33
Cpl. Blount, b Hawkins	3
Cpl. Boocock, run not	12
L/Bdr. Ward, c Goodwin, b Abbas	14
Lt. A. W. F. Peal, c Corser, b Abbas	2
Pte. Hatfield, c Corser, b Abbas	10
Sigmn. Lithauer, b Gillespie	4
Gnr. Martin, b Gillespie	7
Manley, not out	8
Extras	17
Total	137

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gillespie	8.2	0	40	4
Hawkins	7	1	26	1
Nancarrow	5	1	40	0
Abbas	3	0	14	3

ROYAL AIR FORCE

A. R. Paling, lbw., Hatfield	2
C. E. Abbas, c and b Blount	6
H. Cook, c and b Blount	1
Fl/O. J. Nancarrow, c Hatfield, b Boocock	21
S. Mansfield, c Hatfield, b Blount	8
J. Corser, played on, b Hatfield	12
L. Goodwin, c Gardner, b Hatfield	0
W. Gillespie, st. Gardner, b Peal	0
F. Homsley, not out	1
W. L. Bloomfield, c Gardner, b Hatfield	0
T. Hawkins, b Hatfield	5
Total	57

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hatfield	8.4	3	16	5
Blount	4	0	15	3
Boocock	3	0	20	1
Peal	2	1	11	1

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
I.R.C.	5	4	1	0	12
K.C.C.	6	4	2	0	12
Recreio	4	3	1	0	9
C.C.C.	4	3	1	0	9
Police	4	2	1	1	7
Army	5	2	2	1	7
C.S.C.C.	4	1	2	1	4
R.A.F.	4	0	3	1	1
University	6	0	6	0	0

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ARMY SCORE QUICK GOAL BUT FALL AWAY

Chinese Win Kotewall Cup For The Third Year

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

All other Ladies' hockey results on Saturday were overshadowed by the **Ladies' Hockey** defeat of St. Andrew's at the hands of Central British Association, who were good value for their 2—1 win.

It is a well known fact that St. Andrew's have an unhappy knack of falling right on the post—history is only repeating itself on this occasion—but nevertheless their poor showing on Saturday is hard to explain, unless one takes into account a certain dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday night at which, it is rumoured, most of the Saints' team were much in evidence!

It was suggested in these columns on Saturday that the C.B.A. defence might carry the day and from reports received it appears that this was correct. Mrs. Margaret White, at one-time the Colony's leading centre-forward, playing at full-back, in which position she has discovered herself to be of most value these days, was a constant thorn in the side of the St. Andrew's attackers and her first-time clearances and speedy tackling gave the speedy Miss Reid little scope for those piercing runs at which she excels.

Miss Moss also gave a great display in goal and by this time has probably made up her mind that she is essentially a goal-keeper and not a forward!

There is little that can usefully be said about St. Andrew's. They were disorganised and over-anxious and in consequence, will have to wait another 12 months before they can have another crack at the elusive cup which has so far evaded them.

A depleted C.B.S. team did very well to hold the powerful Hong Kong Ladies team to a goalless draw. It was again the Schools' defence which took the honours. Miss Macfayden, in goal, saved numerous dangerous shots, while Miss Betty Goodwin and Miss V. Moss were a stalwart pair of backs who allowed the opposing forwards little scope.

Several positional changes in the Hong Kong team did little to improve their efficiency, and individual movements were the order rather than the exception. In this connection Miss Marr on the right-wing sent across some nice centres which were not turned to account.

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IN the Brawn Cup, D.G.S. delighted their supporters by a win over a much strengthened "Y" team by the odd goal in three. Prominent for the schoolgirls were Eva and Vivienne Churn, while Mrs. Violet Fowler, and Miss Bruce, who has just returned from leave, did well for the losers.

Other matches resulted in wins for Recreio, despite a greatly improved display by the lowly St. Andrew's, and C.B.A.

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THE Rugby International Tournament on Saturday was a failure due to last-minute changes. Scotland were unofficial champions—they won last season—by virtue of their 4—0 win over England but it was a hollow victory in that at least two of their players—Bidwell and Waite—were not Scots. Apart from a rousing **Rugby** display by the English pack in the first half there was little to enthuse over, Stevens, Charter, Paul, Bompas and Wright-Nooth being prominent for England and Henderson, Thomson and Macrae for Scotland.

In the first game Wales proved much too good for Ireland and only a great display by Richards made this one-sided encounter interesting. Artingstall gave Richards splendid support and Walkden shone at forward. B. Hynes, Lavalle, Dempsey and King were outstanding for Ireland.

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Chinese "Y", on their present form, will take a lot of stopping in their quest for the Senior Badminton title. They are now in a commanding position, having beaten all their closest **Badminton** rivals with something to spare and, even on their own court, on which they are expected to win, University "A", the holders, will be able to take no chances.

It was anticipated that on the King's Park court, Recreio would have given the "Y" team a good fight but, despite two defeats inflicted on the powerful Au-H. Koh combination, their first this season, the balance of the visitors carried them through.

Marcus Oliveira and A. M. Silva did well to win two games for Recreio and their showing in the forthcoming championships—they are entered together—will be watched with much interest.

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Best batting performance in Saturday's cricket programme was F. A. **Cricket** Weller's 91 for H.K.C.C. juniors against K.C.C. juniors.

Sgt. Webb, of Army, however, playing in a League match against University, scored 88 not out.

There were several fine bowling feats, most notable being A. R. Minu's 8 for 49 against Civil Service, and L/Cpl. Young's 6 for 10 against University.

Following are the leading performances in Saturday's cricket programme:—

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IP AND LAI PLAY WELL IN ATTACK

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

ARMY WENT DOWN TO South China Athletic Association at Causeway Bay yesterday by 4 goals to 1 in the final of the Kotewall Charity Cup, to allow the holders to retain the "title" for the third year in succession.

The game was packed full of thrills and excitement for approximately 4,000 spectators and was played under ideal weather conditions.

Sharing two goals at the interval Army collapsed badly on the resumption, and, towards the end, lost all power of attack.

TWO GOALS DISALLOWED

The Chinese victory, though well deserved, would have been doubly impressive had the two goals, netted by Fung King-cheong in the late stages, not been judged "offside."

The changes in the Chinese line-up did not affect their game at all, but the Army changes had the effect of throwing the entire team off balance.

Guy, the Interporter, who was on the injured list as a result of Saturday's match with Kowloon, was not available yesterday.

His berth in the pivotal position was filled by Bright, who was erratic and let the Chinese forwards through on several occasions.

Sheehan was the pick of the defence. Despite the great burden placed on his shoulders, he managed to spoil many Chinese attacks and had great help from Naysmith. Duncan was not up to form and appeared rattled, although he made some nice saves in the first half.

The two wing-halves, Freshwater and Wilkinson, held their own well, especially the former, who kept Yip Pak-wah in close check.

Thoms was very disappointing on the left wing, and, with Saw, formed a weak combination. Fox was a hard worker throughout the match but received insufficient support from his other forwards.

Hossack, the Interporter, was the most dangerous forward. He proved very speedy on the right wing and sent across many accurate centres. Bundy, though not impressive, played very hard.

SOUND SUBSTITUTES

Chinese were without three regular players, Lee Tin-sang, Colony's best back, Leung Wing-choi, their pivot, and their right-winger, Tang Kwong-sang.

However, these vacancies were satisfactorily filled by Mak Sui-hon, Lam Tak-po and Yeung Shui-yick respectively.

The Chinese star, Lee Wai-tong, appeared too slow in attack and seems to have lost his erstwhile powerful shooting. Yip and Lai formed a very strong attacking unit and gave a grand display, while Yeung and Fung, also did well. Fung however, was too easily caught "offside."

Soong was the hardest worker and most impressive wing-halve, but his partner, Kwok, did not seem very happy.

In defence, Cheung Wing-choi gave a magnificent display in goal, saving numerous shots from all angles. Hau gave a great display at right-back.

THE PLAY

Army drew first blood within five minutes from start through Fox, who, after receiving the ball from Thoms, drew out Cheung and tipped it into the net. Fifteen minutes later, however,

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FOOTBALL

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Yip equalised.

On the resumption, the Chinese went straight into attack and, after some good movements, took the lead through Lai. This same player added another goal.

Army tried their utmost to reduce the Chinese lead by individual efforts, which proved in vain.

Shortly before the end, Lee sent in a powerful ground shot, which Duncan attempted unsuccessfully to save.

After the match, the Cup was presented to the Chinese Captain, Lee Wai-tong, by Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary.

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

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BATTING

F. A. Weller (H.K.C.C.)	91
Sgt. Webb (Army)	*88
N. Cassa (I.R.C.)	71
H. J. Armstrong (H.K.C.C.)	61
R. H. Griffiths (C.S.C.C.)	*59
J. Nancarrow (K.C.C.)	*54
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	*51
T. Lock (C.C.C.)	*50
R. M. Soares (Uni.)	45
C. Pope (P.R.C.)	43
N. Whitley (C.S.C.C.)	37
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	34
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	30
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	28
G. N. Gosano (Rec.)	27
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	27
Y. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	23
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	24
P. H. Loughlin (P.R.C.)	24
D. Hung (K.C.C.)	24
C. G. Aitkenhead (H.K.C.C.)	23
Major Harvey (Army)	22
B. D. Lay (K.C.C.)	22
C. N. Matthews (Uni)	20
Brig. MacLeod (H.K.C.C.)	20

BOWLING

A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	8 for 49
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	7 for 33
L/Cpl. Young (Army)	6 for 10
N. L. Smith (H.K.C.C.)	5 for 26
B. D. Lay (K.C.C.)	5 for 33
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	5 for 54
P. J. Billimoria (C.C.C.)	4 for 17
H. Danbrowsky (P.R.C.)	4 for 19
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	4 for 26
C. Pope (P.R.C.)	4 for 42
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	3 for 11
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	3 for 16
B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.)	3 for 18
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	3 for 27
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	3 for 34
S. Mahmond (Uni.)	3 for 39
C. G. Aitkenhead (H.K.C.C.)	3 for 43
R. Soares (Uni.)	3 for 45

South China:—Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yeung-sang and Mak Shui-hon; Kwok Ying-kee, Lam Tak-po and Soong Ling-sang; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shai-wing and Yip Pak-wah.

Army:—Duncan; Naysmith and Sheehan; Freshwater, Bright and Wilkinson; Hossack, Bundy, Fox, Saw and Thoms.

Prior to this game, South China "B" defeated Ordnance in the Second Division League game by three clear goals. The goal scorers were Chan Chun-ying, Chien Chi-fung and Cheung Moon-wing.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 28th February 1940, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday the 15th February to Wednesday the 28th February 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th. February, 1940.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Hong Kong, 26th February, 1940.

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The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March 1940 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P & O Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of $6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of $10 each to $18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of $10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of $3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.
2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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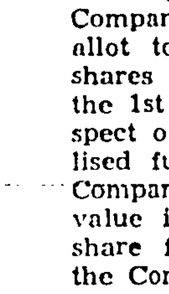

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THE WELLES MISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

From the New York correspondent of "Petit Parisian" comes a comment on Mr. Sumner Welles' arrival in Europe.

Some, he writes, believe that it is an attempt by President Roosevelt to place before the ordinary people the opinions he and his principal collaborators — including Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Cordell Hull — hold, namely, that the war in Europe will rid the world of poisonous ideologies.

Others believe that it is in connection with the presidential campaign.

The "Petit Parisian" correspondent does not believe President Roosevelt will directly run for a third term.

He might, however, let himself be influenced by appeals to his unequalled experience. If this is so, Mr. Welles' mission is explained. — Havas.

GERMANY'S MOTIVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Writing in "L'Oeuvre," Pertinax says that Germany's attempts to mediate in the Soviet-Finnish war are not merely simple tactics.

Germany would find it to her advantage if hostilities ceased. She is not worrying about Finland's independence, but she is interested in getting iron ore from Sweden and nickel from Finnish Lappland.

A continuation of the war might involve intervention by the Western Powers, cutting off these supplies and also all economic help from the Soviets for some time.—Havas.

MEDDLING WITH MAILS

Hankow, To-day.

The United States Consul-General has made representations to the Japanese authorities concerning official interference and consequent lengthy delays in the delivery of mails addressed to Americans in this district.

It is understood that several recent copies of the "North-China Daily News," (British), and the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury," (American), as well as private letters, have been received broken open and on occasions over a fortnight late. — Reuter.

POLICE DROP CASE

Withdrawal was requested by the police this morning of the case against the compradore of the s.s. Shun Chik, who was arrested in a sampan in harbour and charged with an offence against the Defence Regulations, for possession of letters and documents, for the purpose of sending them outside the Colony or into the Colony, other than by post.

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Seven smallpox cases were notified to the Medical Department during the week-end. There were also three typhoid, one diphtheria, one scarlet fever, six meningitis, and seven dysentery cases, in addition to 34 notifications of T.B.

Oslo, To-day

The statement presented to Lord Halifax by the Norwegian Minister in London in reply to the British request for full information regarding the way in which the Norwegian authorities had carried out their search of the "Altmark," says that when the Altmark was stopped by the second Norwegian torpedo-boat, the commander of which asked whether she had persons aboard belonging to another belligerent, the captain of the Altmark replied in the negative.

The Norwegian Government stresses that the Altmark had not called at Bergen or at any other Norwegian port, as Lord Halifax apparently believed to be the case, and therefore no question of a 24-hour time limit arose.

When it was stressed from the British side that the prisoners had been badly treated and that Norway ought from humanitarian considerations to have taken note of this, the Norwegian Government understood British feelings, but a neutral State must base its actions in a dispute among belligerents only on positive stipulations in treaties or international law. — Reuter.

WANG HAS MONEY PROBLEM

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ly reflects the fact that a definite monetary policy has not yet been adopted and that Wang Ching-wei's group is still undecided whether to establish a new currency to circulate concurrently with the National currency, the only one in China which is fully exchangeable into foreign currency, or whether altogether to reorganize the monetary system of occupied China which, it is realised, would be a most difficult task.—Havas.

Provided she has sufficient time after completing discussions with leaders of different Chinese women organisations in the Colony, Madam Chiang Kai-shek, it is learned may fly to Manila.

During the last few days Madame Chiang met most of the local women leaders.

The visit to Manila, if it does materialise, will be to obtain personal contact with women leaders in the Philippines.

BIRTH

MILNE. — At the Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, on 26th February, 1940, to Edith, wife of George Milne, a daughter.

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